# **INSTALLATION MANUAL** GARDENA ROBOTIC LAWNMOWER













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### MEMO

Serial number:	
PIN code:	
Product registration key:	

The Product Registration Key is a valuable document and must be stored in a safe place. This key is necessary for example to register the product on GARDENA's website or to unlock the robotic lawnmower in the event of a lost PIN code. The product registration key is provided in a separate document in the product packaging.

If the robotic lawnmower is stolen, it is important to notify GARDENA of this. Contact GARDENA Central Service and provide the robotic lawnmower's serial number and product registration key so that it can be registered as stolen in an international database. This is an important step in the robotic lawnmower's theft protection which reduces interest in the buying and selling of stolen mowers.

Always have the robotic lawnmower's serial number at hand when you contact GARDENA Central Service, as this will provide you with faster support.

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### **1. INTRODUCTION AND SAFETY**

# **1. Introduction and safety**

### **1.1 Introduction**

Congratulations on your choice of an exceptionally high quality product. To get the best results from your GARDENA robotic lawnmower requires knowledge of how it works. This Operator's Manual contains important information about the robotic lawnmower, how it must be installed and how to use it.

As a complement to this Operator's Manual, there is more information available on GARDENA's website, www.gardena.com. Here you can find more help and guidance in the use of the robotic lawnmower.

The following system is used in the Operator's Manual to make it easier to use:

- Text written in *italics* is a text that is shown on the robotic lawnmower's display or is a reference to another section in the Operator's Manual.
- Words written in **bold** are one of the buttons on the robotic lawnmower's keypad.
- Words written in UPPERCASE and italics refer to the position of the main switch and the different operating modes available in the robotic lawnmower.

GARDENA has a policy of continuous product development and therefore reserves the right to modify the design and appearance and function of products without prior notice.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Please read the Operator's Manual carefully and make sure you understand the instructions before using your robotic lawnmower.



The robotic lawnmower can be

dangerous if incorrectly used.

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# **1. INTRODUCTION AND SAFETY**

### **1.2 Symbols on the product**

These symbols can be found on the robotic lawnmower. Study them carefully.

- Please read the Operator's Manual carefully and make sure you understand the instructions before using your robotic lawnmower. The warnings and safety instructions in this Operator's Manual must be carefully followed if the mower is to be used safely and efficiently.
- The robotic lawnmower can only start when the main switch is set to 1 and the correct PIN code has been entered. Turn the main switch to 0 before carrying out any inspections and/or maintenance.
- Remain at a safe distance from the robotic lawnmower when it is running. Keep your hands and feet away from the rotating blades. Never put your hands or feet close to or under the body when the robotic lawnmower is running.
- Do not ride on the robotic lawnmower.

- This product conforms to the applicable EC Directives.
- Noise emission to surroundings. The product's emissions are set out in chapter 10, Technical data and on the rating plate.
- It is not permitted to dispose of this product as normal household waste when it has reached the end of its useful life. Ensure that the product is recycled in accordance with local legal requirements.
- Never use a high-pressure washer or even running water to clean the robotic lawnmower.





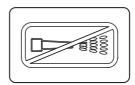












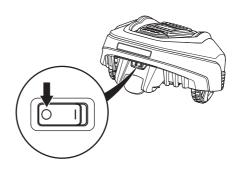
# 1.3 Symbols in the Operator's Manual

These symbols can be found in the Operator's Manual. Study them carefully.

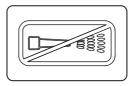
• Turn the main switch to *0* before carrying out any inspections and/or maintenance.

- Always wear protective gloves when working with the mower's chassis.
- Never use a high-pressure washer or even running water to clean the robotic lawnmower.
- A warning box indicates the risk of personal injury, especially if the instructions are not followed.
- An information box indicates the risk of material damage, especially if the instructions are not followed. The box is also used where there is a risk of user error.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Text







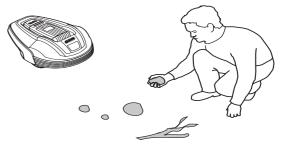


### **1.4 Safety Instructions**

#### Use

- This robotic lawnmower is designed to mow grass in open and level ground areas. It may only be used with the equipment recommended by the manufacturer. All other types of use are incorrect. The manufacturer's instructions with regard to operation, maintenance and repair must be followed precisely.
- The robotic lawnmower may only be operated, maintained, and repaired by persons that are fully conversant with its special characteristics and safety regulations. Please read the Operator's Manual carefully and make sure you understand the instructions before using the robotic lawnmower.
- It is not permitted to modify the original design of the robotic lawnmower. All modifications are made at your own risk.
- Check that there are no stones, branches, tools, toys or other objects on the lawn that can damage the blades and cause the mower to stop.
- Start the robotic lawnmower according to the instructions. When the main switch is in position 1, make sure you keep your hands and feet away from the rotating blades. Never put your hands and feet under the robotic lawnmower.
- Never lift up the robotic lawnmower or carry it around when the main switch is in position 1.
- Do not let persons who do not know how the robotic lawnmower works and behaves use the robotic lawnmower.
- Never use the robotic lawnmower if persons, especially children, or pets, are in the immediate vicinity.
- Do not put anything on top of the robotic lawnmower or its charging station.
- Do not allow the robotic lawnmower to be used with a defective blade disc or body. Neither should it be used with defective blades, screws, nuts or wires.
- Do not use the robotic lawnmower if the main switch does not work.
- Always switch off the robotic lawnmower using the main switch when the robotic lawnmower is not in use. The robotic lawnmower can only start when the main switch is set to 1 and the correct PIN code has been entered.
- The robotic lawnmower must never be used at the same time as a sprinkler. In this case use the timer function (see *6.3 Timer* on page 44) so the mower and sprinkler never run simultaneously.







## **1. INTRODUCTION AND SAFETY**

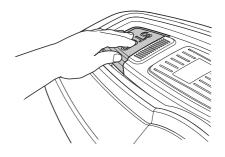
- Full compatibility cannot be guaranteed between the robotic lawnmower and other types of wireless systems such as remote controls, radio transmitters, hearing loops, buried electric animal fencing or similar.
- Metal objects in the ground (e.g. reinforced concrete or anti-mole nets) can result in a stoppage. The metal objects can cause interference with the loop signal which then can lead to a stoppage.

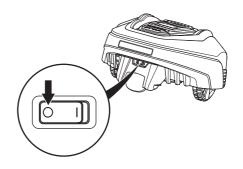
#### Transport

The original packaging should be used when transporting the robotic lawnmower over long distances.

To safely move from or within the working area:

- 1. Press the **STOP** button to stop the robotic lawnmower. If security is set to the medium or high level (see 6.5 Security on page 49), the PIN code has to be entered. The PIN code contains four digits and is selected when you start the robotic lawnmower for the first time. See 3.8 First start-up and calibration on page 32.
- 2. Set the main switch in position 0.





3. Carry the robotic lawnmower by the handle at the rear under the robotic lawnmower. Carry the robotic lawnmower with the blade disc away from the body.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Do not lift the robotic lawnmower when it is parked in the charging station. This may damage the charging station and/or the robotic lawnmower. Open the cover and instead first pull the robotic lawnmower out of the charging station before lifting it.

#### Maintenance

- Inspect the robotic lawnmower each week and replace any damaged or worn parts.
- Check especially that the blades and blade disc are not damaged. Replace all blades and screws at the same time if necessary so that the rotating parts are kept balanced. See 8.6 Replacing the blades on page 60.



# 2. Presentation

This chapter contains information that is important to be aware of when planning the installation.

Installation of the robotic lawnmower involves four main components:

- A robotic lawnmower that mows the lawn by essentially operating in a random pattern. The robotic lawnmower is powered by a maintenance-free battery.
- A charging station, to where the robotic lawnmower returns when the charge level in the battery becomes too low.

The charging station has three functions:

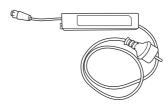
- To send control signals along the boundary wire.
- To send control signals in the guide wire so that the robotic lawnmower can find the charging station.
- To charge the robotic lawnmower battery.
- A transformer, which is connected between the charging station and a 230V wall socket. The transformer is connected to the wall socket and to the charging station using a 10 m long low voltage cable. The low voltage cable must not be shortened or extended. A 20 meter low voltage cable is available to purchase as an accessory. Contact GARDENA Central Service for more information.
- Loop wire, laid in a loop around the robotic lawnmower's working area. The loop wire is laid around the edges of the lawn and around objects and plants that the robotic lawnmower must not run into. The loop wire is used both as a boundary wire and a guide wire.

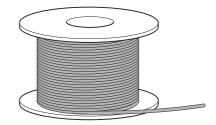
The loop wire supplied for the installation is 200 m long (150 m for the GARDENA R40Li). If it is not long enough, more loop wire can be purchased and spliced onto the existing loop wire with an original coupler.

The maximum permitted length for the loop wire is 250 m.

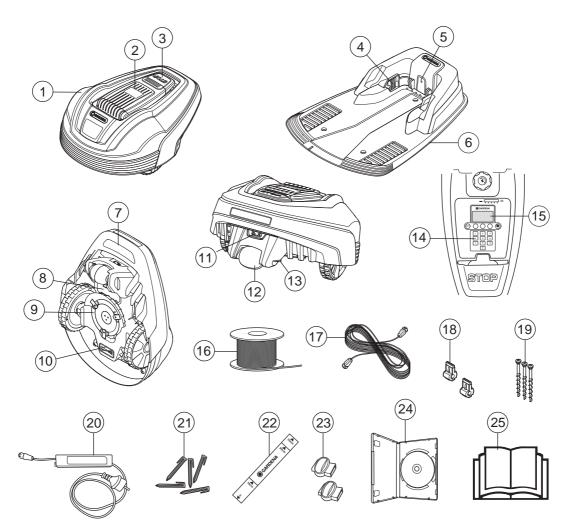








### 2.1 What is what?



The numbers in the illustration represent:

- 1. Body
- 2. Cover to display, keypad and cutting height adjustment
- 3. Stop button/Catch to open the cover
- 4. Contact strips
- 5. LED for operation check of the charging station, boundary wire and guide wire
- 6. Charging station
- 7. Carry handle
- 8. Battery cover
- 9. Blade disc
- 10. Chassis box with electronics, battery and motors
- 11. Main switch
- 12. Rear wheel
- 13. Charging strip

- 14. Keypad
- 15. Display
- 16. Loop wire for boundary loop and guide wire
- 17. Low voltage cable
- 18. Connector for connecting the loop wire to the charging station
- 19. Screws for securing the charging station
- 20. Transformer
- 21. Staples
- 22. Measurement gauge for help when installing the boundary wire (the measurement gauge is broken loose from the box)
- 23. Coupler for the loop wire
- 24. DVD installation video
- 25. Operator's Manual

### 2.2 Function

### Capacity

The robotic lawnmower is recommended for lawns up to 700  $m^2$  in size (400  $m^2$  for the R40Li).

How big an area the robotic lawnmower can keep cut depends primarily on the condition of the blades and the type, growth and moisture of the grass. The shape of the garden is also significant. If the garden mainly consists of open lawns, the robotic lawnmower can mow more in one hour than if the garden consists of several small lawns separated by many trees, flower beds and passages.

A fully charged robotic lawnmower mows for 40 to 60 minutes, depending on the age of the battery and how thick the grass is. Then the robotic lawnmower will charge for 60 to 90 minutes. The charging time can vary depending on, among other factors, the ambient temperature.

#### **Mowing technique**

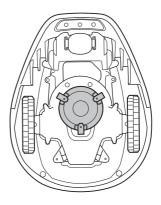
The robotic lawnmower's mowing system is based on an efficient and energy saving principle. Unlike many standard lawnmowers, the robotic lawnmower cuts the grass instead of knocking it off.

It is recommended to allow the robotic lawnmower to mainly mow in dry weather to obtain the best possible result. The robotic lawnmower can also mow in the rain, however, wet grass easily sticks on the robotic lawnmower and there is a greater risk of slipping on steep slopes.

If there is risk for thunder, the transformer should be disconnected from the power and the boundary wire and the guide wire from the charging station.

The blades must be in good condition to obtain the best mowing result. In order to keep the blades sharp for as long as possible it is important to keep the lawn free from branches, small stones and other objects.

Replace the blades regularly for the best mowing result. It is very easy to replace the blades. See *8.6 Replacing the blades* on page 60.





#### Working method

The robotic lawnmower automatically mows the lawn. It continuously alternates between mowing and charging.

The robotic lawnmower starts to search for the charging station when the battery charge becomes too low. The robotic lawnmower does not mow when it is searching for the charging station.

When the robotic lawnmower searches for the charging station, it first searches irregularly for the guide wire. Then it follows the guide wire to the charging station, turns around just in front of the station and backs into it.

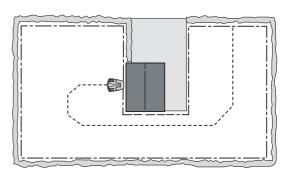
When the battery is fully charged, the robotic lawnmower leaves the charging station in a randomly selected direction within the 90°-270° exit sector.

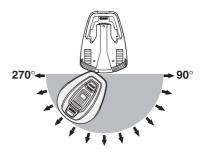
To ensure an even cut, even in inaccessible parts of the garden, the robotic lawnmower can follow the guide wire out from the charging station to where the guide wire connects to the boundary wire to begin mowing there.

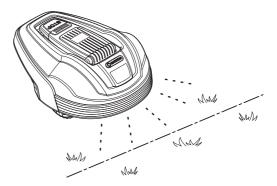
When the robotic lawnmower body hits an obstacle, the robotic lawnmower reverses and selects a new direction.

Two sensors, one on the front and one on the back of the robotic lawnmower, will sense when the robotic lawnmower is approaching the boundary wire. The robotic lawnmower overruns the wire by up to 28 centimetres before it turns back.

The **STOP** button on the top of the robotic lawnmower is mainly used to stop the robotic lawnmower when it's running. When the **STOP** button is pressed a cover opens, behind which there is a control panel. The **STOP** button remains pressed in until the cover is closed again. This acts as a start inhibitor.









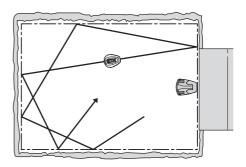
The control panel on the top of the robotic lawnmower is where you manage all the robotic lawnmower settings. Open the control panel cover by pressing down the **STOP** button.

When the main switch is set to position *1* for the first time, a start-up sequence begins which includes language selection, time format, date format and the four-digit PIN code and setting the time and date. See *3.8 First start-up and calibration* on page 32.

# Movement pattern

The robotic lawnmower's movement pattern is irregular and is determined by the robotic lawnmower itself. A movement pattern is never repeated. With the mowing system the lawn is mown equally without any mowing lines from the robotic lawnmower.

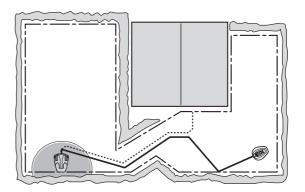




### 2.3 Search method

The robotic lawnmower runs irregularly until it reaches the guide wire. Then the robotic lawnmower follows the guide wire to the charging station.

The guide wire is a wire that is laid from the charging station towards, for instance, a remote part of the working area or through a narrow passage to be then connected with the boundary wire. For more information, see *3.6 Installation of the guide wire* on page 32.



# 3. Installation

This chapter describes how you install the GARDENA robotic lawnmower. Before starting the installation read the previous chapter *2. Presentation*.

Read also through this entire chapter before beginning the installation. How the installation is done also affects how well the robotic lawnmower works. It is therefore important to plan the installation carefully.

Planning is simplified if you make a sketch of the working area, including all obstacles. This makes it easier to see the ideal positions for the charging station, the boundary wire and the guide wire. Draw on the sketch where the boundary and guide wires should be routed.

See 7. Garden examples on page 54 for installation examples.

Visit also www.gardena.com for further descriptions and tips regarding installation.

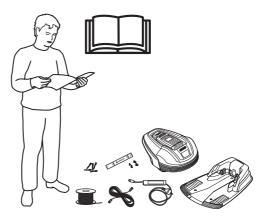
#### Carry out the installation in the following steps:

- 3.1 Preparations.
- 3.2 Installation of the charging station.
- 3.3 Charging the battery.
- 3.4 Installation of the boundary wire.
- 3.5 Connecting the boundary wire.
- 3.6 Installation of the guide wire
- 3.7 Checking the loop.
- 3.8 First start-up and calibration
- 3.9 Test docking with the charging station

The charging station and boundary and guide wires must be connected to be able to carry out a complete start-up of the robotic lawnmower.

### **3.1 Preparations**

- If the lawn in the working area is longer than 10 cm, mow it using a standard lawnmower. Then collect the grass.
- 2. Read carefully through all the steps before the installation.
- 3. Check that all parts for the installation are included. The numbers in brackets refer to the component illustration *2.1 What is what?*.
  - Operator's Manual (25)
  - Robotic lawnmower
  - Charging station (6)
  - Loop wire for boundary wire and guide wire (16)



- Transformer (20)
- Low voltage cable (17)
- Staples (21)
- Connector for connecting the loop wire to the charging station(18)
- Screws for the charging station (19)
- Measurement gauge (22)
- Couplers for the loop wire (23)

During installation you will also need:

- Hammer/plastic mallet (to simplify putting the staples in the ground)
- Combination pliers for cutting the boundary wire and pressing the contact strips together.
- Edge cutter/straight spade if the boundary wire must be buried.

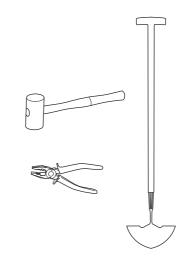
# 3.2 Installation of the charging station

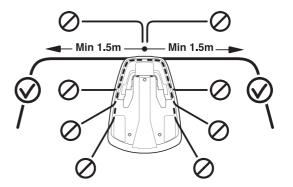
#### Ideal position for the charging station

Take the following aspects into consideration when identifying the best location for the charging station:

- Allow for 3 metres of free space in front of the charging station
- It must be possible to lay at least 1.5 metres of boundary wire straight out to the right and left of the charging station
- It must be close to a wall socket The supplied low voltage cable is 10 metres long. A 20 meter low voltage cable is available to purchase as an accessory. Contact GARDENA Central Service for more information.
- A level surface to place the charging station on
- Protection from water spray for instance from irrigation
- Protection from direct sunlight
- Place in the lower part of a working area that has a major slope
- Possible requirement to keep the charging station out of sight for outsiders

For an example of an ideal position of the charging station, see *7. Garden examples* on page 54.





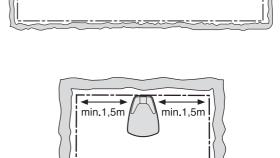
The charging station must be positioned with a great deal of free space in front of it (at least 3 metres). It should also be centrally placed in the working area to make it easier for the robotic lawnmower to reach all areas in the working area.

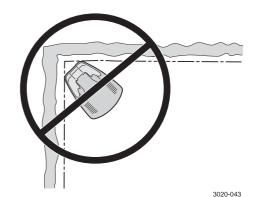
Do not put the charging station in confined spaces in the working area. There must be a straight boundary wire, at least 1.5 metres long, to the right and left of the charging station. The wire must be laid straight out from the rear end of the charging station. Any other locations can mean that the robotic lawnmower enters the charging station sideways and will have difficulty docking.

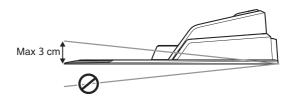
Do not put the charging station in a corner in the working area. There must be a straight boundary wire, at least 1.5 metres long, to the right and left of the charging station.

The charging station must be positioned on relatively level ground. The front end of the charging station must be a maximum of 3 cm higher than the back end. The front end of the charging station must never be lower than the back end.

The charging station must not be positioned in a way that can bend its base plate.

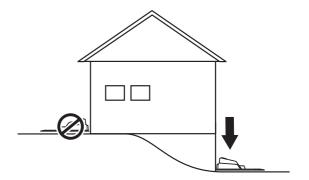




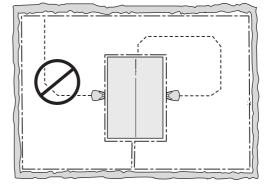




If the installation is done in a working area with a steep slope (such as around a house on a hill), the charging station should be placed in the area at the bottom of the slope. This makes it easier for the robotic lawnmower to follow the guide wire to the charging station.



The charging station should not be placed on an island as this limits the laying of the guide wire in an optimal way. If the charging station has to be installed on an island, the guide wire also has to be connected to the island. See the illustration opposite. Read more about islands in chapter *3.4 Installation of the boundary wire* on page 21.



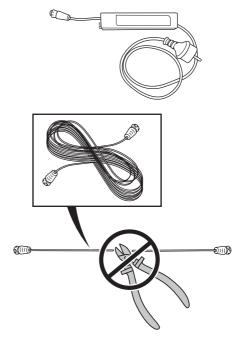
#### Connecting the transformer

Take the following into consideration when planning where to place the transformer:

- Close to the charging station
- · Protection from rain
- Protection from direct sunlight

If the transformer is connected to an electrical socket outdoors, this must be approved for outdoor use.

The low voltage cable for the transformer is 10 metres long, and may not be shortened or extended.



It is possible to let the low voltage cable cross the working area. The low voltage cable must be stapled down or buried, and the cutting height should be such that the blades on the blade disc can never come in contact with the low voltage cable.

Make sure the low voltage cable is laid along the ground and secured with staples 75 cm apart. The cable must lie close to the ground so as not to be cut before the grass roots have grown over it.

The transformer must be placed where it is well ventilated and is not exposed to direct sunlight. The transformer must be placed under a roof.

It is recommended to use an earth fault-breaker when connecting the transformer to the wall socket.

The transformer must be mounted on a vertical surface, such as a wall or a fence. Screw the transformer in place using the two mounting eyelets. No screws are supplied. Select screws suitable for the material in question.

Do not, under any circumstances, mount the transformer at a height where there is a risk it can be submerged in water (at least 30 cm from the ground). It is not permitted to place the transformer on the ground.

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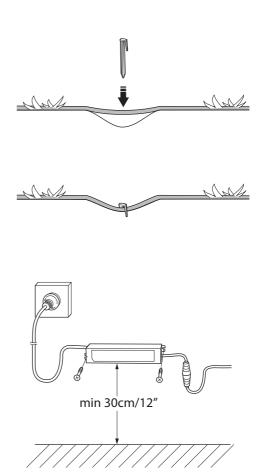
The low voltage cable must not under any circumstances be shortened or extended.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Place the low voltage cable so that the blades on the blade disc can never come in contact with it.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Use the plug to disconnect the charging station, for instance before cleaning or repairing the loop wire.



# Installation and connecting the charging station

- 1. Position the charging station in a suitable spot.
- 2. Connect the low voltage cable to the charging station.
- 3. Connect the transformer's power cable to a 230V wall socket. If the transformer is connected to an electrical socket outdoors, this must be approved for outdoor use.
- 4. Attach the charging station to the ground using the supplied screws. Ensure the screws are screwed all the way down in the countersink.



It is not permitted to make new holes in the base plate Only the existing holes may be used to secure the base plate to the ground.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Do not tread or walk on the charging station's base plate.

### 3.3 Charging the battery

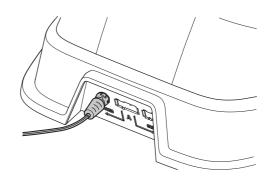
As soon as the charging station is connected, it is possible to charge the robotic lawnmower. Set the main switch to position *1*.

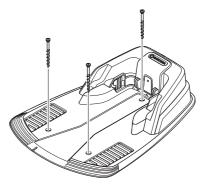
Place the robotic lawnmower in the charging station to charge the battery while the boundary and guide wires are being laid.

If the battery is flat, it takes around 80 to 100 minutes to fully charge it.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The robotic lawnmower cannot be used before the installation is complete.









### 3.4 Installation of the boundary wire

The boundary wire can be installed in one of the following ways:

1. Securing the wire to the ground with staples.

It is preferable to staple down the boundary wire if you want to make adjustments to the boundary wire during the first few weeks of operation. After a few weeks the grass will have grown over the wire making it no longer visible. Use a hammer/plastic mallet and the staples supplied when carrying out the installation.

2. Bury the wire.

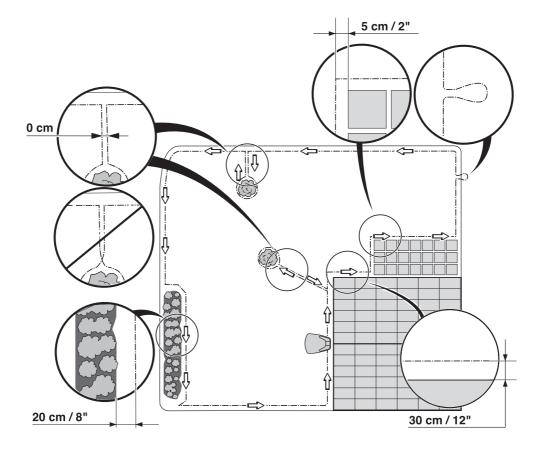
It is preferable to bury the boundary wire if you want to dethatch or aerate the lawn. If necessary, both methods can be combined so one part of the boundary wire is stapled down and the remainder is buried. The wire can be buried for instance using an edge cutter or a straight spade. Make sure to lay the boundary wire at least 1 cm and a maximum of 20 cm in the ground.

#### Best position for the boundary wire

The boundary wire must be laid so that:

- A loop is formed around the working area for the robotic lawnmower. Only original boundary wire
  must be used. It is specially designed to resist dampness from the soil that could otherwise easily
  damage the wires.
- The robotic lawnmower is never more than 15 metres from the wire at any point in the entire working area.
- The total length of the boundary wire does not exceed 250 metres.
- 20 cm of extra wire is available to which the guide wire will be connected later. See 3.6 Installation of the guide wire on page 28.

Depending on what the working area is adjacent to, the boundary wire must be laid at different distances from obstacles. The illustration below shows how the boundary wire must be laid around the working area and around obstacles. Use the supplied measurement gauge to obtain the correct distance (see 2.1 What *is what?* on page11).



#### Working area boundaries

If a high obstacle, for example a wall or fence, borders the working area, the boundary wire should be laid 30 cm from the obstacle. This will prevent the robotic lawnmower from colliding with the obstacle and reduce body wear.

About 20 cm around the fixed obstacle will not be mown.

If the working area borders on a small ditch, for example a flower bed or a small elevation, or a low curbstone (3-5 cm), the boundary wire should be laid 20 cm inside the working area. This prevents the wheels from driving into the ditch or up onto the curbstone.

About 12 cm of grass along the ditch/curbstone will not be mown.

If the working area borders on a paving stone path or similar which is level with the lawn, it is possible to allow the robotic lawnmower to run a little over the path. The boundary wire should then be laid 5 cm from the edge of the path.

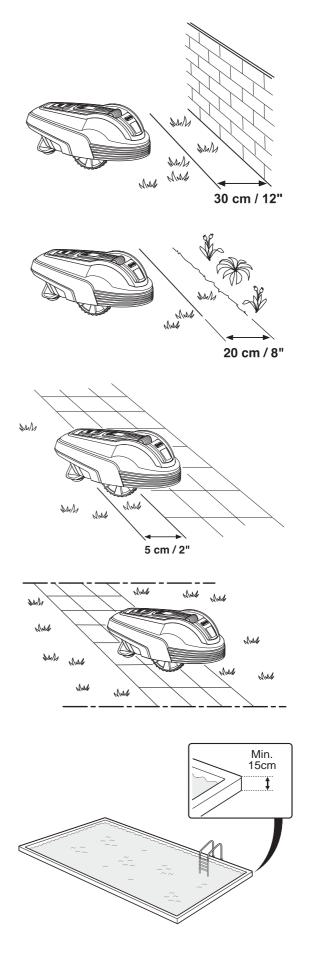
All the grass along the side of the paving stone path will be cut.

When the working area is divided by a paving stone path which is level with the lawn, it is possible to allow the robotic lawnmower to run over the path. It can be an advantage to lay the boundary wire under the paving stones. The boundary wire can also be laid in the joint between the paving stones.

Note: The robotic lawnmower must never run over gravel, mulch or similar material which can damage the blades.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If the working area is adjacent to water bodies, slopes, precipices or a public road, the boundary wire must be supplemented with an edging or the like. It must then be at least 15 cm in height. This will prevent the robotic lawnmower from ending up outside the working area under any circumstances.



#### Boundaries within the working area

Use the boundary wire to demarcate areas inside the working area by creating islands around obstacles which cannot withstand a collision, for example, flowerbeds, bushes and fountains.

Obstacles that can withstand a collision, for example, trees and bushes higher than 15 cm, do not need to be demarcated by the boundary wire. The robotic lawnmower will turn around when it collides with this type of obstacle.

To achieve careful and silent operation, it is recommended to isolate all fixed objects in and around the working area.

Lay the wire up to and around the area to be demarcated, and then return it back along the same route. If staples are used, the wire should be laid under the same staple on the return route. When the boundary wires to and from the island are laid close together, the robotic lawnmower can drive over the wire.

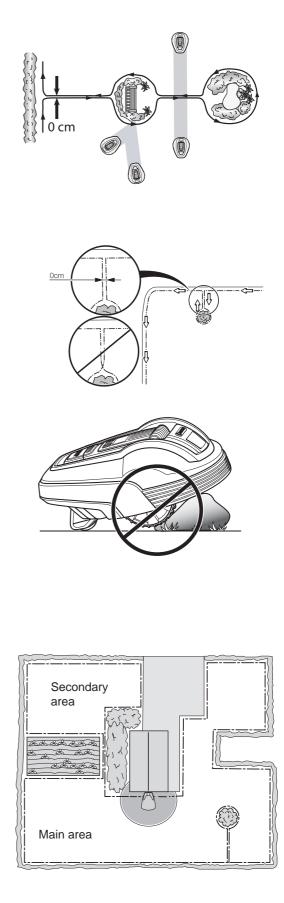
The boundary wire may not be crossed on its way to and from an island.

Obstacles that slope slightly, for example, stones or large trees with raised roots, must be isolated with an island or removed. Otherwise the robotic lawnmower can slide up onto this kind of obstacle causing the blades to be damaged and/or the mower to get stuck.

#### Secondary areas

If the working area consists of two areas which the robotic lawnmower has difficulty travelling between, it is recommended to set up a secondary area. Instances of this are 25% slopes or a passage that is narrower than 150 cm. Lay the boundary wire then around the secondary area so that it forms an island outside of the main area.

The robotic lawnmower must be moved manually between the main and secondary area when the lawn in the secondary area has to be cut. The MAN operation mode must be used as the robotic lawnmower cannot travel on its own from the secondary area to the charging station. See 5.1 Operation selection on page 39. In this mode, the robotic lawnmower will never look for the charging station but will mow until the battery runs out. When the battery is flat, the robotic lawnmower will stop and the Needs manual charging message will appear in the display. Then place the robotic lawnmower in the charging station to charge the battery. If the main working area has to be cut after charging, it is appropriate to switch the operation mode to Auto before placing the robotic lawnmower in the charging station.



#### Passages when mowing

Long and narrow passages and areas narrower than 1.5 - 2 metres should be avoided. When the robotic lawnmower mows, there is a risk that it travels around in the passage or area for a period of time. The lawn will then look flattened.

#### Slopes

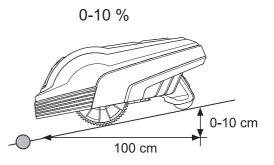
The boundary wire can be laid across a slope that slants less than 10%.

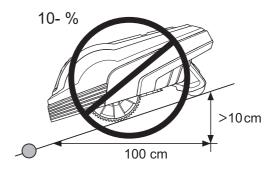
The boundary wire should not be laid across a slope that is steeper than 10%. There is a risk that the robotic lawnmower will find it difficult to turn there. The mower will then stop and the *Outside working area* fault message is displayed. The risk is at its greatest in damp weather conditions, as the wheels can slip on the wet grass

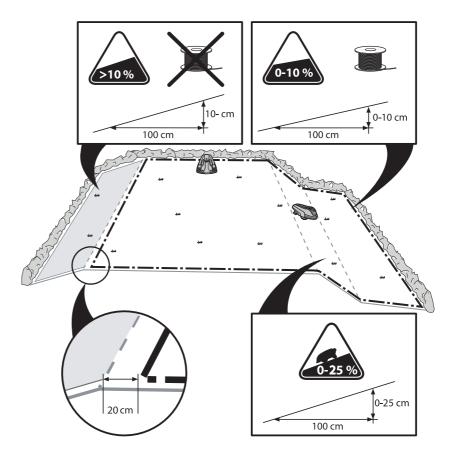
However, the boundary wire can be laid across a slope steeper than 10% if there is an obstacle that the robotic lawnmower is allowed to collide with, for example, a fence or a dense hedge.

The robotic lawnmower can mow lawns that slope up to 25 cm every metre (25%) inside the working area. Areas that slope more must be demarcated by the boundary wire.

When a part of the working area's outer edge slopes more than 10 cm every metre (10%), the boundary wire must be laid about 20 cm in on the flat ground before the beginning of the slope.







### Laying the boundary wire

If you intend to staple down the boundary wire:

- Cut the grass very low with a standard lawnmower or a trimmer where the wire is to be laid. It will then be easier to lay the wire close to the ground and the risk of the robotic lawnmower cutting the wire or damaging the insulation of the wire is reduced.
- Make sure to lay the boundary wire close to the ground and secure the staples close together approximately 75 cm apart. The cable must lie close to the ground so as not to be cut before the grass roots have grown over it.
- Use a hammer to knock the staples into the ground. Exercise care when knocking in the staples and make sure the wire is not under strain. Avoid sharp bends in the wire.

If the boundary wire is to be buried:

 Make sure to lay the boundary wire at least 1 cm and a maximum of 20 cm in the ground. The wire can be buried for instance using an edge cutter or a straight spade.

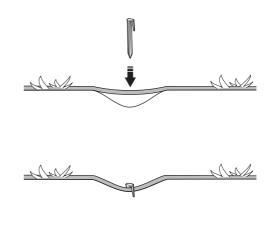
Use the supplied measurement gauge as a guide when you lay out the boundary wire. This helps you to easily set the correct distance between the boundary wire and the boundary/obstacle. The measurement gauge is broken loose from the box.

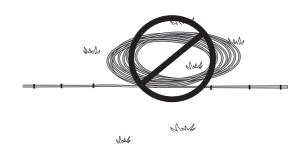
#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

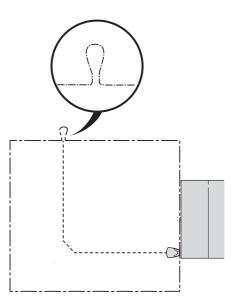
Extra wire must not be placed in coils outside the boundary wire. This can disrupt the robotic lawnmower.

#### Loop for connecting the guide wire

To facilitate the connection of the guide wire to the boundary wire, it is recommended to create a loop with about 20 cm of extra boundary wire at the point where the guide wire will later be connected. It is a good idea to plan where the guide wire will be placed before laying out the boundary wire. See *3.6 Installation of the guide wire* on page 28.

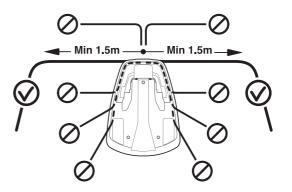






# Laying the boundary wire in towards the charging station

The boundary wire must be laid in line with the rear end of the charging station and at least 1.5 metres straight out to the right and left of the station. See the illustration. If the boundary wire is laid in any other way, the robotic lawnmower may find it hard to find the charging station.



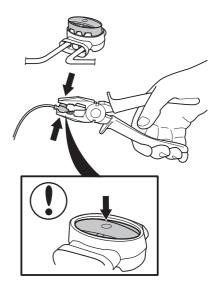
#### Splicing the boundary wire

Use an original coupler if the boundary wire is not long enough and needs to be spliced. It is waterproof and gives a reliable electrical connection.

Insert both wire ends in the coupler. Check that the wires are fully inserted into the coupler so that the ends are visible through the transparent area on the other side of the coupler. Now press down the button on top of the coupler fully. Use a pair of pliers if the button on the coupler is difficult to press down by hand.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Twinned cables, or a screw terminal block that is insulated with insulation tape are not satisfactory splices. Soil moisture will cause the leads to oxidise and after a while result in a broken circuit.



### 3.5 Connecting the boundary wire

Connect the boundary wire to the charging station:

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The boundary wire must not be crossed when connecting it to the charging station. The right hand wire end must be connected to the right hand pin on the charging station and the left hand wire end to the left pin.

- 1. Place the wire ends in the connector:
  - Open the connector.
  - Place the wire in the connector grip.
- 2. Press the connectors together using a pair of pliers. Press until you hear a click.

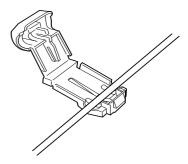
3. Cut off any excess boundary wire 1 or 2 centimetres above each connector.

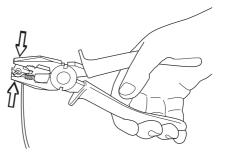
4. Press the connector onto the metal pin, marked with an A, on the charging station.

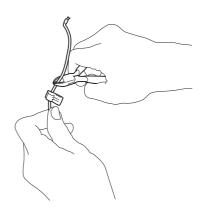
Carefully check that the connector is properly fitted.

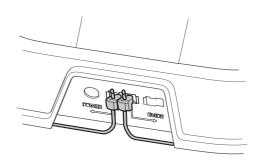
#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The right hand connector must be connected to the right hand metal pin on the charging station and the left hand wire end to the left connector.









### 3.6 Installation of the guide wire

The guide wire is a wire that is laid from the charging station towards, for instance, a remote part of the working area or through a narrow passage to be then connected with the boundary wire. The same cable roll is used for both the boundary and guide wires.

The guide wire is used by the robotic lawnmower to find its way back to the charging station but also to guide the robotic lawnmower to remote areas of the garden.

To ensure an even cut over the entire lawn, the robotic lawnmower can follow the guide wire from the charging station to the guide wire connection in the boundary wire and start mowing there. Depending on the garden layout, one should adjust how often the robotic lawnmower is to follow the guide wire from the charging station. See *6.6 Settings* on page 51.

The robotic lawnmower runs at varying distances from the guide wire to reduce the risk of tracks forming when the robotic lawnmower follows the guide wire to and from the charging station. The area beside the wire which the robotic lawnmower then uses is called the Corridor.

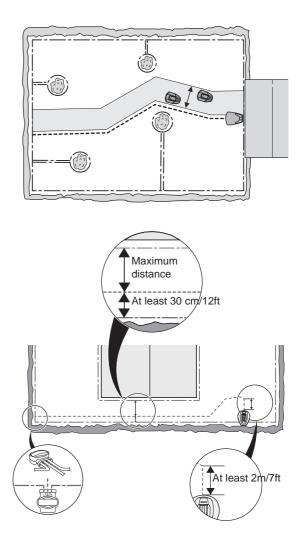
The robotic lawnmower always runs to the left of the guide wire as seen facing the charging station. Thus the corridor is to the left of the guide wire. The corridor is 50 cm wide. When installing, it is therefore important to have at least 75 cm free space to the left of the guide wire and at least 25 cm free space to the right of the guide wire, as seen facing the charging station.

It is not allowed to lay the guide wire closer than 30 cm from the boundary wire.

The guide wire, as the boundary wire, can be stapled to or buried in the ground.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Make sure that there is always at least 75 cm of free space to the left of the guide wire as seen facing the charging station.



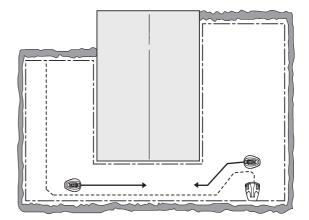
#### Laying and connecting the guide wire

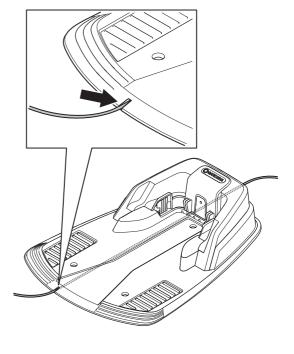
1. Run the wire through the slot in the bottom of the charger plate.

- 2. Fit the connector to the guide wire in the same way as for the boundary wire described in 3.5 Connecting the boundary wire on page 27. Connect it to the contact pin on the charging station that is labelled "Guide".
- 3. Run the wire at least 2 metres straight out from the front edge of the plate.

If the guide wire must be laid in a passage:

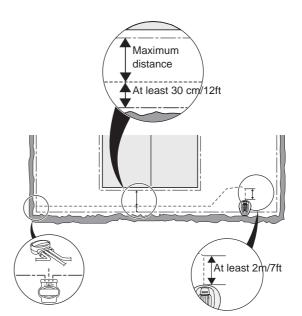
The robotic lawnmower follows the guide wire on the same side of the wire to and from the charging station. This means that the guide wire is to the right of the robotic lawnmower when the mower travels to the charging station while it is to the left of the mower when the mower travels away from the charging station.



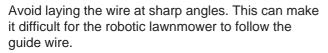




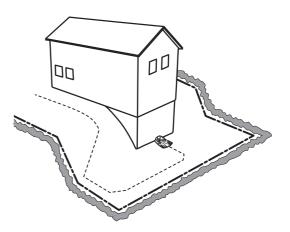
- In the passage, the guide wire must therefore be placed so that the robotic lawnmower has as much space to run in as possible. The distance between the boundary wire and the guide wire must however be at least 30 cm.

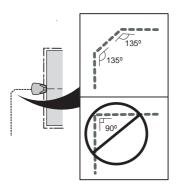


If the guide wire has to be installed on a steep slope, it is an advantage to lay the wire at an angle to the slope. This makes it easier for the robotic lawnmower to follow the guide wire on the slope.



- 4. Run the guide wire up to the point on the boundary wire where a loop to facilitate the connection of the guide wire was previously added.
- 5. Cut the loop on the boundary wire using for instance a pair of wire cutters.





6. Connect the guide wire to the boundary wire using a coupler:

Insert the boundary wire in each of the holes in the coupler. Insert the guide wire in the centre hole in the coupler. Check that the wires are fully inserted into the coupler so that the ends are visible through the transparent area on the other side of the coupler.

Use pliers to completely compress the button on the coupler.

It does not matter which holes are used to connect each wire.

7. Staple down/bury the connector in the lawn.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The guide wire may not cross the boundary wire, for instance a boundary wire that is laid out to an island.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

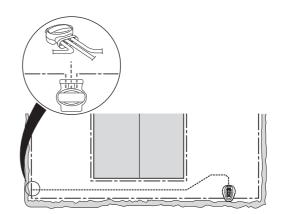
Test that the guide wire works using the Calibrate guide function before using the robotic lawnmower. See 3.8 First start-up and calibration on page 32.

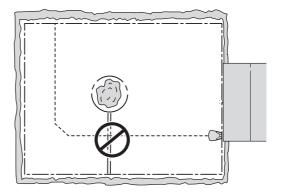
### 3.7 Checking the loop

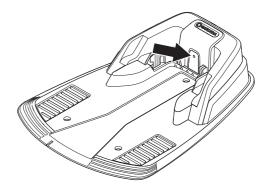
Check the loop signal by inspecting the indicator lamp on the charging station.

- Solid green light = good signals.
- Flashing blue light = interruption in the boundary loop, no signal.
- Flashing yellow light = interruption in the guide loop, no guide signal.
- Flashing red light = interruption in the charging station's antenna plate. Contact GARDENA Central Service to rectify. See *Memo* on page 4.
- Solid blue light = weak signal. This may depend on the boundary loop being too long or that the wire is damaged. If the robotic lawnmower still works, this is not a problem.
- Solid red light = fault in a circuit board in the charging station. Contact GARDENA Central Service to rectify. See *Memo* on page 4.

See 9.2 Indicator lamp in the charging station on page 65 if the lamp does not indicate a solid green light.







### 3.8 First start-up and calibration

Before the robotic lawnmower is operated, a start-up sequence in the robotic lawnmower's menu must be carried out as well as an automatic calibration of the guide signal. The calibration is also a good test to see that the installation of the guide wire has been done in such a way that the robotic lawnmower can easily follow the guide wire from the charging station.

- 1. Set the main switch to position 1.
- 2. Open the control panel cover by pressing the **STOP** button.

A start-up sequence begins when the robotic lawnmower is started for the first time. The following is requested:

- Language
- Time format
- Current time
- Date format
- Date
- Four digit PIN code. All combinations except 0000 are permitted.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Use *Memo* on page 4 to make a note of the PIN code.

3. Place the robotic lawnmower in the charging station as requested in the display. Press the START button and close the cover. The robotic lawnmower will now start the guide calibration, by leaving the charging station and following the guide wire to the point where the guide wire is connected to the boundary wire to begin mowing there. Check that the robotic lawnmower can follow the guide wire all the way.

If it cannot, this may be due to an incorrectly installed guide wire. In this case, check that the installation is performed as described in *3.6 Installation of the guide wire* on page 28. Then carry out a new calibration. See *6.6 Settings* on page 51.

In the case of the R70Li, it is also possible to reduce the guide width for the robotic lawnmower to follow the guide wire through very narrow passages. See 6.4 Installation, R70Li on page 45. Use the Test out function to carry out a new calibration in the R70Li. See 6.4 Installation, R70Li on page 45.

# 3.9 Test docking with the charging station

Before using the robotic lawnmower, check that the robotic lawnmower can follow the guide wire all the way to the charging station and easily docks with the charging station. Perform the test below.

- 1. Open the control panel cover by pressing the **STOP** button.
- 2. Place the robotic lawnmower close to the point where the guide wire is connected to the boundary wire. Place the robotic lawnmower about 2 metres from the guide wire, facing the guide wire.
- 3. Select *Home* mode by pressing the house symbol key and pressing *OK* when the cursor is at *Home*. Press **Start** and close the cover.
- 4. Check that the robotic lawnmower follows the guide wire all the way to the charging station and that it docks with the charging station. The test is approved only if the robotic lawnmower is able to follow the guide wire the entire distance to the charging station and docks at the first attempt. If the robotic lawnmower is unable to dock on the first attempt, it will automatically try again. The installation is not approved if the robotic lawnmower needs two or more attempts to dock with the charging station. In this case, check that the charging station, the boundary wire and the guide wire are installed in accordance with the instructions in Chapters 3.2, 3.4 and 3.6.
- 5. The robotic lawnmower will stay in the charging station until *Auto* or *Man* mode is selected. See *5.1 Operation selection* on page 39.

The guide system must first be calibrated if the above test is to provide a satisfactory result. See *3.8 First start-up and calibration* on page 32.

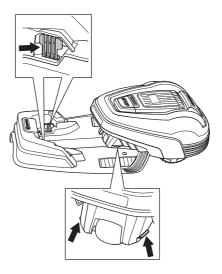
# 4. Use

### 4.1 Charging a flat battery

When the GARDENA robotic lawnmower is new or has been stored for a long period, the battery will be flat and needs to be charged before starting. Charging takes approximately 80 to 100 minutes.

- 1. Set the main switch to position 1.
- 2. Park the robotic lawnmower in the charging station. Open the cover and slide the robotic lawnmower in as far as possible to ensure proper contact between the robotic lawnmower and the charging station.
- 3. The display shows a message that charging is in progress.









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Read the safety instructions carefully before you start your robotic lawnmower.

#### WARNING

Keep your hands and feet away from the rotating blades. Never put your hands or feet close to or under the body when the motor is running.

### 4.2 Using the timer

Use the timer function (see *6.3 Timer* on page 44.) to avoid a downtrodden lawn. When setting the timer, calculate that the robotic lawnmower mows about 45 m<sup>2</sup> per hour and day (30 m<sup>2</sup> for the GARDENA R40Li).

#### Example

If the working area is 360 m<sup>2</sup> in size, the robotic lawnmower must operate for 8 hours a day (12 hours for the GARDENA R40Li). The times are approximate and depend for instance on grass quality, blade sharpness and battery age.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Use the timer to avoid mowing when there are usually children, pets and anything else that could be damaged by the rotating blades on the lawn.

The factory setting for the timer is 07:00-23:00 (07:00-22:00 for the GARDENA R40Li) and it allows mowing every day of the week. This setting is suitable for a working area of about 700 m<sup>2</sup> (400 m<sup>2</sup> for the GARDENA R40Li).

If the size of the working area allows it, the quality of the grass can be further improved if it is cut every other day instead of a few hours every day. In addition, the grass benefits from resting completely during at least a three-day period once a month.

#### Standby

The robotic lawnmower has an inbuilt standby period of at least 8 hours a day (11 timmar för GARDENA R40Li). The standby period provides for instance a good opportunity to water or play games on the lawn.

#### Example 1

The times used in this example are applicable to GARDENA R40Li, but the principle is the same for GARDENA R70Li.

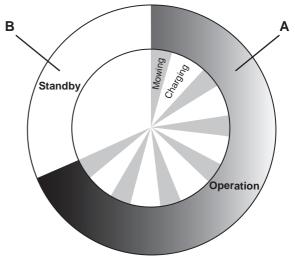
Work period 1: 07:00 - 22:00

Work days: All days

The factory setting ensures that the robotic lawnmower begins cutting the lawn at 07.00. The mower is parked in the charging station from 20.00 and rests until it starts cutting again at 07.00.

If the timer setting is divided into two work periods, the standby period can be divided into a number of periods. The maximum operating time can however be a maximum of up to 8 hours (11 hours for the GARDENA R40Li).





### R40Li

Operation	A = Max 13 h
Charging/Standby	B = Min 11 h

#### R70Li

Operation	A = Max 16 h
Charging/Standby	B = Min 8 h

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#### Example 2

The times used in this example are applicable to GARDENA R40Li, but the principle is the same for GARDENA R70Li.

Work period 1: 06:00 - 16:00

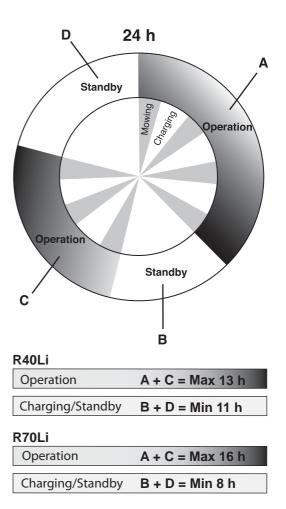
Work period 2: 20:00 - 23:00

Work days: All days

The robotic lawnmower will operate between 06:00 and 16:00. It will begin again at 20:00 but stop running at 22:00 to rest until it starts again at 06:00.

	GARDENA R40Li	GARDENA R70Li
Max. operating time	13 h	16 h
Min. standby time	11 h	8 h
Surface/hrs/day	30 m <sup>2</sup>	45 m <sup>2</sup>

The times are approximate and depend for instance on grass quality, blade sharpness and battery age.

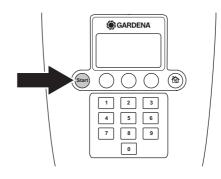


### 4.3 Starting

- 1. Set the main switch to position 1.
- 2. Press the **STOP** button to open the control panel cover.
- 3. Enter the PIN code.
- 4. Push the **START** button.
- 5. Shut the cover within 10 seconds.

If the robotic lawnmower is parked in the charging station, it will only leave the charging station when the battery is fully charged and if the timer is set to allow the mower to operate.

Before the blade disc starts, 5 beeps are heard for 2 seconds.



### 4.4 Stopping

1. Press the **STOP** button.

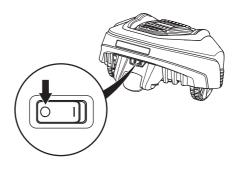
The robotic lawnmower stops, the blade motor stops and the control panel cover opens.



### 4.5 Switching off

- 1. Press the **STOP** button.
- 2. Set the main switch in position 0.

Always switch the robotic lawnmower off using the main switch if it requires maintenance or if the robotic lawnmower must be moved outside the working area.



### 4.6 Adjusting the cutting height

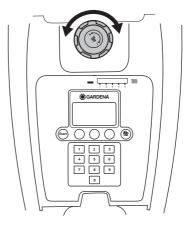
The cutting height can be varied from MIN (2 cm) to MAX (5 cm).

To adjust the cutting height:

- 1. Press the **STOP** button to stop the robotic lawnmower and open the cover.
- 2. Turn the height adjustment knob to the required position. The selected position is indicated by the orange column that can be seen by the knob through the window.
  - Turn anti-clockwise to raise the cutting height.
  - Turn clockwise to lower the cutting height.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

During the first week after a new installation, the cutting height must be set to MAX to avoid damaging the loop wire. After this, the cutting height can be lowered step by step every second week until the desired cutting height has been reached.



# **5. CONTROL PANEL**

# 5. Control panel

All forms of commands and settings for the GARDENA robotic lawnmower are made via the control panel. All functions are accessed via a number of menus.

The control panel consists of a display and a keypad. All information is shown on the display and all input is done using the buttons.

When the stop button has been pressed and the cover is opened, the operation window appears showing the time, selected operating mode, number of mowing hours, battery status and timer setting.

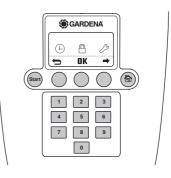
- The clock shows the current time.
- Date shows the current day.
- The number of operating hours indicates the number of hours since the day of manufacture that the robotic lawnmower has been in operation. The time that the robotic lawnmower has spent mowing or looking for the charging station is counted as operating time.
- AUTO, MAN or HOME show which mode of operation is selected.
- The battery status shows the remaining battery charge.
- The clock symbol indicates when the timer settings are set. The clock symbol is black when the robotic lawnmower is not allowed to mow due to a timer setting and it is white when the mower is allowed to mow.
- The *MENU* text illustrates that the main menu can be reached by pressing the multi-choice button that is located under the text.

The keypad consists of four groups of buttons: operation selection button, multi-choice buttons, numbers and start button.









# **5. CONTROL PANEL**

### 5.1 Operation selection

The operation selection button is symbolised by a house. When the button has been pressed, the selected operation mode is shown in the display. By consecutively pressing the button many times, one can choose between three different operation modes.

1. **HOME:** 

Sends the robotic lawnmower to the charging station. It remains here until another operation mode is selected. The text *Home* is shown in the operation window. When the battery is fully charged, the robotic lawnmower will remain parked in the charging station. The robotic lawnmower will first leave the charging station and begin mowing again when the operation selection is altered to AUTO.

The Home setting is also used after a new installation or when changes are made to an existing installation to test if the robotic lawnmower can follow the guide wire and dock with the charging station. See *3.9 Test docking with the charging station* on page 33.

2. AUTO:

The standard, automatic operation mode where the robotic lawnmower mows and charges automatically.

#### 3. MAN:

When mowing secondary areas (see *3.4 Installation of the boundary wire* on page 21), the *MAN* setting must be used.

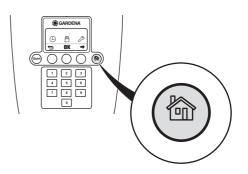
If *MAN* is selected and the robotic lawnmower starts when it is out on the lawn, it will mow until the battery runs out. It will then stop and the "*Needs manual charging*" message will appear. The robotic lawnmower must then be moved manually to the charging station and then started manually after charging.

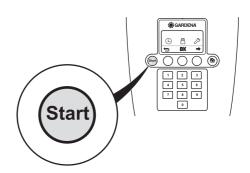
If the robotic lawnmower charges in the *MAN* mode, it will fully charge, move about 20 cm out of the charging station and then stop. This indicates that it is charged and ready to start mowing.

If the main working area has to be cut after charging, it is appropriate to switch the operation mode to Auto before placing the robotic lawnmower in the charging station.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Always press the START button before closing the cover to start the robotic lawnmower. If the START button is not pressed, a message beep is heard and the robotic lawnmower will not start.



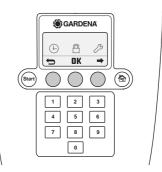


# **5. CONTROL PANEL**

### 5.2 Multi-choice buttons

The three multi-choice buttons offer various functions, among others depending on where in the menu structure you are. The button function is shown at the very bottom of the display.

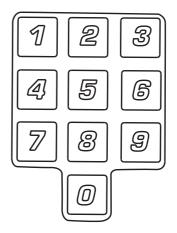
Example: If you are in the main menu, the left button can be used to go back, the middle button confirms any selections and the right button helps you to scroll the menu.



### 5.3 Numbers

The number keys are used for instance to enter the PIN code or time settings.

The number keys can also be used to enter a number series for shortcuts to the various menus. For more information on number series, see *6.1 Main menu* on page 41.

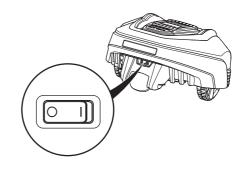


### 5.4 Main switch

Set the main switch in *1* position to start the robotic lawnmower.

Set the main switch in the *0* position when the robotic lawnmower is not in use or work is being carried out on the blade disc.

When the main switch is set in the *0* position the motors on the robotic lawnmower cannot start.



# 6. Menu functions

### 6.1 Main menu

The main menu for the GARDENA R40Li offers three options:

- Timer
- Security
- Settings

The main menu for the GARDENA R70Li offers four options:

- Timer
- Installation
- Security
- Settings

There are a number of submenus under each option. You can access all the functions to set the robotic lawnmower settings via these.

#### Browse between menus

Browse the main menu and submenus using the multi-choice buttons. Enter values and times using the number keys and confirm each selection with the multi-choice button marked OK. Press the multi-choice button with the **return arrow** to go up a step in the menu or keep the operation selection button pressed in for 2 seconds to go directly back to the main menu.

#### **Number series**

A number series can be used as a shortcut to a certain function.

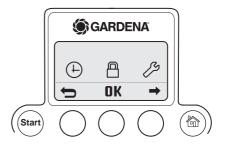
The first number in the series refers to the selection in the main menu. The second number corresponds to the selection in the first submenu etc.

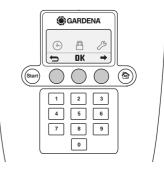
For example: Press **1** followed by **3** in the main menu to show the *Work days* submenu.

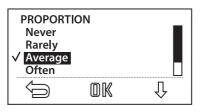
#### Submenus

Certain submenus contain options that are ticked off to the left. This means that these options are selected.

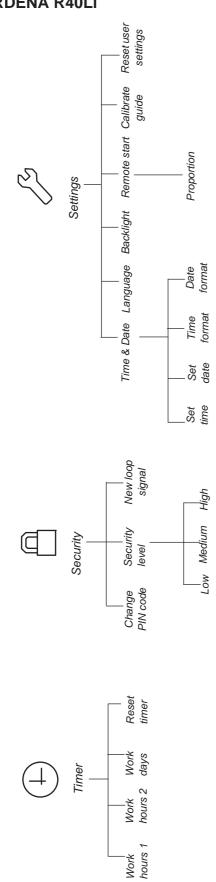
In some of the submenus there is information to the right of specific rows. This information indicates which selection has been made for the function.



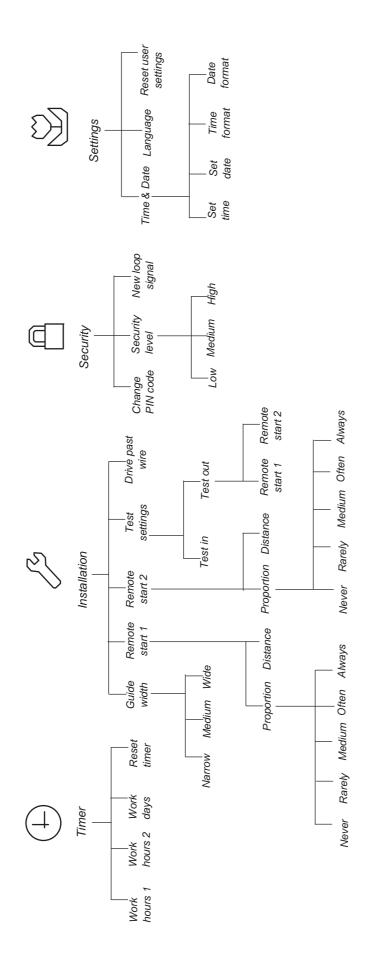




### 6.2 Menu structure GARDENA R40Li



### GARDENA R70Li



### 6.3 Timer

The lawn should not be cut too often to obtain the best mowing result. Consequently, it is important to limit the operating time using the timer function if the working area is less than the robotic lawnmower's working capacity. When the robotic lawnmower is allowed to mow too much, the lawn may appear flattened. Besides, the robotic lawnmower is subjected to unnecessary wear.

The timer function is also an ideal means to control which work hours the robotic lawnmower should not mow, for example, when the children are playing in the garden.

The factory setting is 07:00 - 23:00 (07:00-22:00 for GARDENA R40Li) and it allows mowing every day of the week. This is normally a suitable setting for a 700 m<sup>2</sup> working area (400 m<sup>2</sup> for the GARDENA R40Li).

When setting the timer, calculate that the robotic lawnmower mows about 45 m<sup>2</sup> per hour and day (30 m<sup>2</sup> for the GARDENA R40Li.)

R40Li).

• Work hours 1

to set start and stop times for work hours 1. Enter each required time in hours and minutes and press **OK** to confirm the entered time.

• Work hours 2:

to set start and stop times for work hours 2. Enter each required time in hours and minutes and press **OK** to confirm the entered time.

• Work days

to select the days the robotic lawnmower must work. The robotic lawnmower will work during the days that are ticked off.

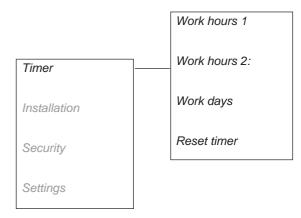
Reset timer

reset values to the factory settings.

To inactivate Work hours 1 or Work hours 2, enter the time 00:00 - 00:00 to reset the timer to --:-- - --:--.

A clock symbol is displayed on the start page when the timer settings are set. The clock symbol is black when the robotic lawnmower is not allowed to mow due to a timer setting and it is white when the mower is allowed to mow.

The robotic lawnmower has an inbuilt standby period of about 8 hours a day (11 hours for the GARDENA R40Li). The robotic lawnmower is parked in the charging station during this period. See *4.2 Using the timer* on page 35.



### 6.4 Installation, R70Li

The following operating settings are available via this selection in the main menu.

• Guide width

to select the distance from the guide wire the robotic lawnmower is allowed to travel when it follows this to and from the charging station.

• Remote start 1

to control the robotic lawnmower so that it can easier reach remote parts of the garden.

#### • Remote start 2

to control the robotic lawnmower so that it can easier reach remote parts of the garden.

- **Test settings** to check the above settings.
- Drive past wire

to set the distance over the boundary wire that the robotic lawnmower should travel before turning back.

For examples of garden settings, see 7. Garden examples.

#### Guide width

The guide width is a measure of how far from the guide wire the robotic lawnmower is allowed to travel when it follows this to and from the charging station. The area beside the wire which the robotic lawnmower then uses is called the Corridor.

The robotic lawnmower has a default setting for medium wide corridors. To further reduce the risk of tracks forming, it is recommended to select a wide corridor in working areas where it is possible to do so.

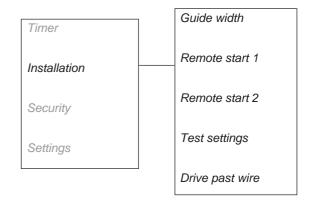
#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

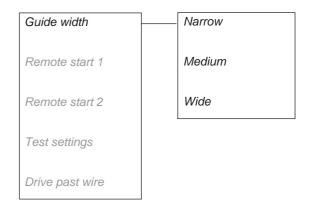
Always use as wide a guide width as possible. The Narrow setting must only be used when none of the other settings can be used in the working area in question.

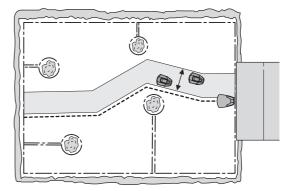
#### Wide

In a wide corridor, the robotic lawnmower mows at more varied distances from the guide wire.

A garden that is open and free of narrow passages should have a wide corridor to minimise the risk of tracks forming.







#### Medium

In a medium wide corridor, the robotic lawnmower travels close to and far away from the guide wire, but not as far away from the guide wire as is the case when a wide corridor is selected.

In a medium wide corridor, the robotic lawnmower travels close to and far away from the guide wire, but not as far away from the guide wire as is the case when a wide corridor is selected.

#### Narrow

With a narrow corridor, the robotic lawnmower runs straight over the guide wire.

The Narrow corridor setting is not normally recommended, but in a garden with one or many narrow passages, a narrow corridor may be the only option. The Narrow corridor setting increases the risk for tracks forming along the guide wire.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The distance the robotic lawnmower maintains from the guide wire varies depending on the layout of the working area. Use the Test IN function to ensure that the wide corridor setting can be used in the garden in question.

#### Remote start 1

One important function with the guide wire is the capacity to steer the robotic lawnmower to remote garden areas when required. This function is very useful in gardens where, for instance, the front and back are joined by a narrow passage.

With this function activated, (any option other than *Never* is selected) the robotic lawnmower will at times follow the guide wire from the charging station to the remote area and begin mowing there.

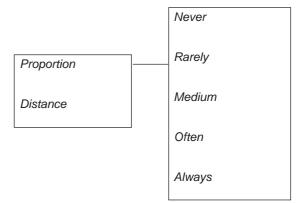
• Proportion

How often the robotic lawnmower must follow the guide wire from the charging station is selected as a proportion of the total number of times it leaves the charging station. At all other times, the robotic lawnmower leaves the charging station in the standard manner and starts to mow.

The following five options can be selected;

- Never (0%)
- Rarely (approx. 20%)
- Medium (approx. 50%)
- Often (approx. 80%)
- Always (100%)





Select the percentage that corresponds to the size of the remote area relative to the total working area. If the remote area is for instance less than half of the total working area, then *Rarely* must be selected. If the remote area is for instance half of the total working area, Medium must be selected. Compare with the examples in *7. Garden examples* on page54.

The default setting is Rarely.

Distance

Enter the distance in metres along the guide wire from the charging station to the remote area where the robotic lawnmower begins mowing. Tips! Use the *Test OUT* function to determine how far it is to the remote area. The distance, stated in metres, will be shown in the robotic lawnmower's display.

#### Remote start 2

If the working area contains two remote areas, the guide wire should be installed so that it reaches both areas. *Remote start 1* and *Remote start 2* can then be combined to steer the robotic lawnmower to each area.

The settings for *Proportion* and *Distance* are carried out in the same way as for *Remote start 1*.

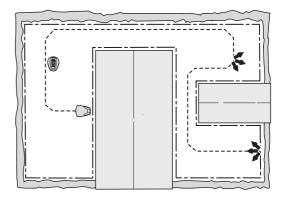
The default setting is *Never*.

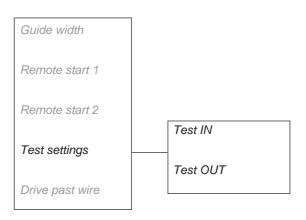
Take into account that the total figure for *Proportion* cannot exceed 100%. If one has for instance selected *Often* for *Remote start 1*, then one can only select *Never* or *Rarely* for *Remote start 2*.

*Guide width* is the same for *Remote start 1* and *Remote start 2*. In this way, it is the narrowest passage along the guide wire that limits the maximum guide width.

#### **Test settings**

In the *Test settings* menu, it is possible to test the settings for *Remote start 1* and *Remote start 2* and that the selected *Guide width* works in the working area in question.





### Test OUT

The *Test OUT* function is used to test if the selected *Guide width* suits the installation in question and to calculate the distance from the charging station to a remote area.

To test the settings in Remote start 1:

Park the robotic lawnmower in the charging station and select *Test OUT - Remote start 1*. The robotic lawnmower will then leave the charging station straight away along the guide wire and begin mowing after the designated distance.

If there is a passage that the robotic lawnmower cannot get through, the settings in *Guide width* ought to be changed from *Wide* to *Medium*. If required, the setting can also be changed to *Narrow*. The Narrow guide width setting should only be used if none of the other settings work for this installation. When the *Test OUT* function is activated, the robotic lawnmower travels the farthest distance from the wire allowed by the selected guide width.

The figure here shows how the robotic lawnmower travels through a passage when *Guide width* is set to *Medium* and not to *Wide*.

How to measure the distance from the charging station to a remote area:

Enter a distance which beyond any doubt exceeds the real figure. The maximum distance that can be entered is 500 metres. Park the robotic lawnmower in the charging station and select *Test OUT*. The robotic lawnmower will immediately leave the charging station. The distance, stated in metres, will be shown in the mower display as the robotic lawnmower operates. Stop the robotic lawnmower at the required position and note the distance. Enter the displayed number of metres in the *Distance* field for the working area in question.

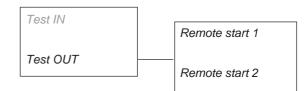
If *Remote start 2* has been activated, i.e. if another option other than *Never* has been selected for *Proportion*, these settings must also be tested. *Remote start 2* test is performed in the same way as for *Remote start 1*.

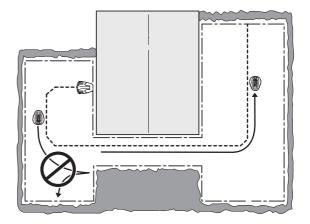
### Test IN

The *Test IN* function allows you to test how well the robotic lawnmower docks with the charging station.

*Test IN* can only be performed after *Test OUT* has been performed.

Selecting this function causes the robotic lawnmower to travel directly along the guide wire towards the charging station and to dock with it. The test is approved only if the robotic lawnmower is able to dock with the charging station at the first attempt. If the robotic lawnmower is unable to dock on the first attempt, it will automatically try again. The installation is not approved if the robotic lawnmower needs two or more attempts to dock with the charging station.

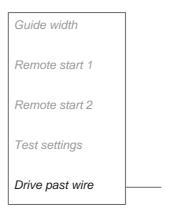




#### Drive past wire

The front of the robotic lawnmower always passes the boundary wire by a specific distance before the mower turns around. The default distance is 25 cm, but this can be changed if required. The minimum value is 25 cm and the maximum value is 30 cm.

Now specify the number of centimetres you want the robotic lawnmower to pass the boundary wire and press **OK**.



### 6.5 Security

Through this selection, settings relating to security and the connection between the mower and the charging station can be made.

### Change PIN code

Enter the new PIN code and press **OK**. Enter the same code again and confirm by pressing **OK**. When the PIN code is changed, a message stating that the PIN code has been changed appears in the display momentarily.

Make a note of the new PIN code on the designated line in *Memo* on page 4.

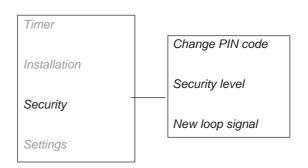
### Security level

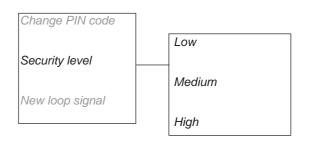
There are three security levels to choose from: low, medium and high Low and medium security prohibits access to the robotic lawnmower if the PIN code is unknown. High security also includes a warning that beeps if the correct PIN code is not entered after a designated time period.

Function	Low	Medium	High
Time lock	Х	Х	Х
PIN request		Х	Х
Alarm			Х

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

We recommend using the High security level at all times.





#### Time lock

This function means that the robotic lawnmower cannot be started after 30 days without first entering the correct PIN code. When the 30 days has passed the robotic lawnmower will continue to mow as normal, but the *Enter PIN code* message appears when the cover is opened. Enter your code again and press **OK**.

#### **PIN** request

This function means that the robotic lawnmower requests a PIN code when the main switch is set to 1 and each time the cover is opened. The correct PIN code must be entered to use the robotic lawnmower.

If the wrong PIN code is entered 5 times in succession the robotic lawnmower is blocked for a time. The blockage time is extended for every new incorrect attempt.

#### Alarm

This function means that an alarm sounds if the PIN code is not entered within 10 seconds after the **STOP** button has been pressed or the robotic lawnmower has been lifted up for any reason. A ticking noise indicates that the PIN code must be entered to prevent triggering the alarm. The alarm can be turned off at any time by entering the correct PIN code.

#### New loop signal

The loop signal is randomly selected to create a unique link between the robotic lawnmower and the charging station. In rare cases, there may be a need to generate a new signal, for instance if two adjacent installations have a very similar signal.

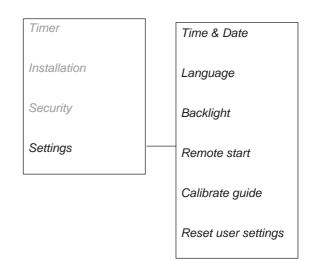
- Place the robotic lawnmower in the charging station.
- Select *New loop signal* in the menu and press **OK**.

Change PIN code	
Security level	
New loop signal	

### 6.6 Settings

The following operating settings are available via this selection in the main menu.

- Time & Date to set the current time and date, and the required time and date format.
- Language to select the menu language.
- Backlight, R40Li to select whether the display is lit while mowing or not.
- *Remote start, R40Li* to determine how often the robotic lawnmower must follow the guide wire out from the charging station.
- Calibrate guide, *R40Li* to test if the robotic lawnmower can follow the guide wire out from the charging station.
- Reset user settings to reset the robotic lawnmower to the settings it had when it left the factory.



### Time & Date

This function allows you to set current time and required time format in the robotic lawnmower.

- Time Enter the correct time and press OK to exit.
- Time format Place the cursor at the required time format: 12h 24h. Press OK to exit.
- Date
   Enter correct date and press OK to exit.
- Date format Place the cursor at the required date format: YYYY-MM-DD (year-month-day) MM-DD-YYYY (month-day-year) DD-MM-YYYY (day-month-year). Exit by pressing OK.

Time & Date	Time
Language	Time format
Backlight	Date
Remote start	Date format
Calibrate guide	
Reset user settings	

#### Language

Set language with this function.

To select the language: Place the cursor at Language and press **OK**. Place the cursor at the required language and press **OK**.

### Backlight , R40Li

To indicate where the robotic lawnmower is at night in the working area, it is possible to allow the display to remain on when the robotic lawnmower is in operation.

- 1. Select *Backlight*, *R40Li* in the menu and press **OK**.
- Select one of the following options: *Auto*: The display is lit for 1 minute after the latest key press.

*ON*: The display is lit all the time when the robotic lawnmower operates. The display is not lit when the robotic lawnmower is stopped due for instance to a timer setting or possible disruption.

#### Remote start, R40Li

One important function with the guide wire is the capacity to steer the robotic lawnmower to remote garden areas when required. This function is very useful in gardens where, for instance, the front and back are joined by a narrow passage where the charging station cannot be installed.

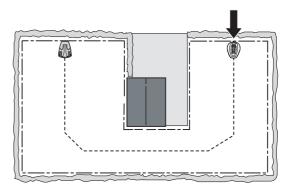
With this function activated, (any option other than *Never* is selected) the robotic lawnmower will follow the guide wire from the charging station to the point where the guide wire connects to the boundary wire. It begins to mow when it reaches this point. How often it must follow the guide wire from the charging station is selected as a proportion of the total number of times it leaves the charging station. At all other times, the robotic lawnmower leaves the charging station in the standard manner and starts to mow.

The following five options can be selected;

- Never (0%)
- Rarely (approx. 20%)
- Medium (approx. 50%)
- Often (approx. 80%)
- Always (100%)

Select the percentage that corresponds to the size of the remote area relative to the total working area. If the remote area is for instance less than half of the total working area, then *Rarely* must be selected. If the remote area is for instance half of the total working area, Medium must be selected. Compare with the examples in *7. Garden examples* on page 54.

The default setting is Rarely.



#### Calibrate guide, R40Li

The *Calibrate guide* function allows you to test if the robotic lawnmower can follow the guide wire out from the charging station.

To test the guide wire:

- 1. Place the robotic lawnmower in the charging station.
- 2. Select *Calibrate guide* and press **OK**. The robotic lawnmower will now leave the charging station, run a calibration process in front of the charging station and then follow the guide wire to the connection point with the boundary wire and then start mowing.
- 3. Check that the robotic lawnmower can follow the guide wire all the way to the connection point with the boundary wire.

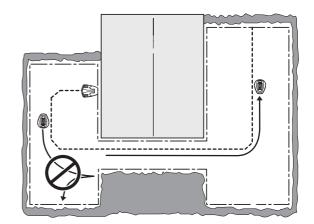
The test has failed if the robotic lawnmower cannot follow the guide wire all the way to the connection point with the boundary wire. It is likely that the installation has not been carried out ,Äã,Äãin accordance with the instructions in *3. Installation.* Common errors are for instance that there is not enough open space to the left of the guide wire as seen facing the charging station or that the guide wire is not laid at an angle on a steep slope. See *3.6 Installation of the guide wire*.

Rectify the installation and run a new test with *Calibrate guide, R40Li*.

### Reset user settings

This function allows you to reset the robotic lawnmower to the default settings it had when it left the factory.

1. Select *Reset user settings* in the menu and press **OK**. Enter the correct PIN code and press **OK**.



# 7. Garden examples

### - Installation proposals and settings

The robotic mower's behaviour is controlled to a certain extent by what settings are made. Adapting the robotic lawnmower's garden settings according to the shape of the garden makes it easier for the robotic lawnmower to frequently reach all parts of the garden and in doing so achieve a perfect mowing result.

Different gardens require different settings. The following pages outline a number of examples of gardens with installation proposals and settings.

There are also animated garden examples on www.gardena.com.

See chapter 6. Menu functions for more detailed information about the various settings.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The default settings for the robotic lawnmower have been selected to work in as many different gardens as possible. The settings only need to be adjusted when special installation conditions exist.

The recommended timer settings in the following garden example are applicable to GARDENA R40Li unless otherwise stated. For GARDENA R70Li, the operating time can be reduced, see *4.2 Using the timer* on page 35.

Installation proposals and settings		
Area	150 m <sup>2</sup> . Open and level area.	
Timer	07:00-17:00 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	
Remote start- Proportion	Never	
Remarks	The timer should be used to prevent the grass looking trampled since the area is less than the maximum capacity of the robotic lawnmower.	
Area	400 m <sup>2</sup> . Open area.	
Timer	07:00-22:00 (factory setting) Monday-Sunday	
Remote start- Proportion	Never	
Remarks	The factory settings are suitable for this installation.	

Installation pro	pposals and settings	
Area	400 m <sup>2</sup> . A number of islands and a 25% slope.	
Timer	07:00-22:00 (factory setting) Monday-Sunday	
Remote start- Proportion Remarks	Rarely (factory setting) Place the charging station in the lower part of the working area. Lay the guide wire at an angle over the steep slope.	
Area Timer	<ul> <li>200 m². L-shaped garden with charging station installed in the narrow area. Contains a couple of islands.</li> <li>07:00-22:00 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday</li> </ul>	
Remote start- Proportion	Often	
Remarks	As most of the working area can easily be reached by the robotic lawnmower following the guide wire out from the charging station, select <i>Proportion: Often.</i>	3 m
Area	250 m <sup>2</sup> . U-shaped garden linked with a narrow passage.	
Timer	07:00 - 22:00 Monday - Friday	
Remote start- Proportion	Medium	
Remarks	The guide wire must be placed along the narrow passage to ensure that the robotic lawnmower can with ease locate the charging station from the left hand side of the working area. The <i>Proportion Medium</i> is selected as the left hand area is nearly half of the total area.	1.5 m

Installation pro	posals and settings	
Area	150 m <sup>2</sup> . Unsymmetrical working area with a narrow passage and a number of islands.	2 m
Timer	07:00-17:00 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	
Remote start- Proportion Remarks	Rarely (factory setting) The guide wire must be placed along the narrow passage to ensure that the robotic lawnmower can with ease locate the charging station from the right hand side of the working area. Select <i>Proportion Rarely</i> as the right hand area is a small fraction of the total area.	
Area	Applies to the GARDENA R70Li only. 400 m <sup>2</sup> . Three areas linked with two narrow passages.	
Timer	07:00-23:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	
Remote start 1- Proportion	Rarely	
Remote start 2- Proportion	Rarely	
Guide width	Medium	
Remarks	As the working area contains three areas linked by two narrow passages, Remote start 1 and Remote start 2 must be used to obtain an even mowing result across the entire working area. The GARDENA R70Li is therefore recommended for this working area.	

Installation proposals and settings		
Area	200 m <sup>2</sup> + 50 m <sup>2</sup> in a secondary area.	
Timer	07:00-18:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	
Remote start - Proportion	Rarely (factory setting)	
Remarks	The secondary area is cut using the MAN mode on Wednesday and Saturday.	

# 8. Maintenance

Check and clean the robotic lawnmower regularly and replace worn parts if necessary to improve operating reliability and to ensure a longer service life. For further information on cleaning, see *8.3 Cleaning*.

When the robotic lawnmower is first used, the blade disc and blades should be inspected once a week. If the amount of wear during this period has been low, the inspection interval can be increased.

It is important that the blade disc rotates easily. The edges of the blades should not be damaged. The lifetime of the blades varies immensely and depends for instance on:

- Operating time and size of the working area.
- Type of grass.
- Type of soil.
- The presence of objects such as cones, windfalls, toys, tools, stones, roots and the like.

The normal life is 2 to 4 months when used in areas more than 300  $m^2$  in size and longer for smaller areas. See *8.6 Replacing the blades* on page 60 on how to replace the blades.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Working with dull blades gives a poorer mowing result. The edges of the grass are not cut clean and more energy is needed resulting in the robotic lawnmower not mowing such a large area.

### 8.1 Winter storage

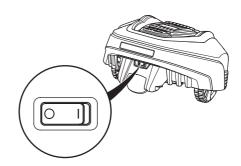
#### **Robotic lawnmower**

The robotic lawnmower must be cleaned carefully before putting it away for the winter. See *8.3 Cleaning* on page 59.

Charge the battery fully before winter storage. Then set the main switch to *0*.

Check the condition of wear items such as blades and bearings in the rear wheel. Rectify if necessary to make sure the robotic lawnmower is in good condition prior to next season.

Store the robotic lawnmower upright in a dry area free from frost, preferably in the mower's original packaging.



### **Charging station**

Store the charging station and transformer indoors. The boundary wire and the guide wire can be left in the ground. The ends of the wires should be protected from damp by putting them in a container with grease for instance.

### 8.2 After winter storage

Check if cleaning is needed, particularly the charging strips on both the robotic lawnmower and the charging station, on the first time of use. If the charging strips appear to be burnt or coated, clean them using a fine grade emery cloth. Check also that the robotic lawnmower's time and date are correct.

### 8.3 Cleaning

It is important to keep the robotic lawnmower clean. A mower with large amounts of grass stuck to it will not cope as well with slopes. It is recommended to clean using a brush and a spray bottle with water.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Never use a high-pressure washer or even running water to clean the robotic lawnmower. Never use solvents for cleaning.

#### Chassis and blade disc

- 1. Set the main switch in position 0.
- 2. Wear protective gloves.
- 3. Lift the robotic lawnmower onto its side.
- 4. Clean the blade disc and chassis using e.g. a dish brush.

At the same time, check that the blade disc rotates freely in relation to the foot guard.

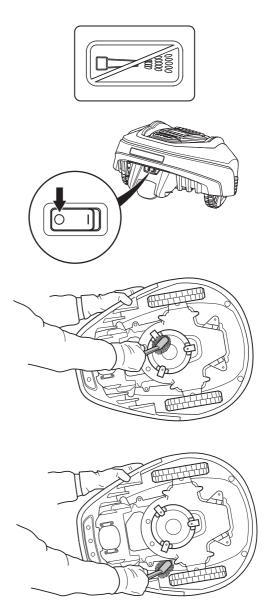
If long blades of grass or other objects find their way in, these may impede the blade disc. Even a slight braking effect leads to a higher consumption of energy and longer mowing times, and at worst will prevent the robotic lawnmower from being able to mow a large lawn.

### Chassis

Clean the underside of the chassis. Brush or wipe with a damp cloth.

#### Wheels

Clean around the front wheels and rear wheel as well as the rear wheel bracket.



### Body

Use a damp, soft sponge or cloth to clean the body. If the body is very dirty it may be necessary to use a soap solution or washing-up liquid.

### **Charging station**

Clean the charging station regularly from grass, leaves, twigs and other objects that may impede docking.

### 8.4 Transport and removal

Secure the machine during transport. It is important that the robotic lawnmower does not move when it is being transported, for instance, between lawns.

### 8.5 In the event of a thunderstorm

To reduce the risk of damage to components in the robotic lawnmower, we recommend that all connections to the charging station are disconnected (power supply, boundary wire and guide wire) if there is a risk of a thunderstorm.

### 8.6 Replacing the blades





### WARNING

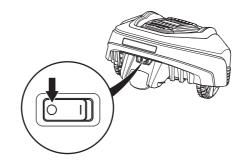
Always use original blades and screws when replacing. Only replacing the blades and reusing the screw can result in a screw wearing during mowing and shearing. The blades can then be propelled from under the body and cause serious injury.

There are three blades on the robotic lawnmower. which are screwed into the blade disc. All three blades and screws must be replaced at the same time to obtain a balanced mowing system.

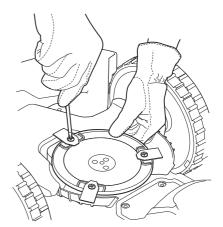
Use GARDENA approved original blades only.

To replace the blades:

- 1. Set the main switch in position 0.
- 2. Wear protective gloves.
- 3. Turn the robotic lawnmower upside down.
- 4. Rotate the skid plate so that its hole aligns with the screw for the blade. Applies to the R70Li only.
- 5. Remove the screw. Use a straight slot or cross-tip screwdriver.
- Remove the blade and the screw. 6.
- Screw on the new blade and the new screw. 7.







# 8. MAINTENANCE

### 8.7 Replacing the battery

The battery is maintenance-free, but has a limited life span of 2 to 4 years.

Battery life is dependent on the length of the season and how many hours a day the robotic lawnmower is used. A long season or many hours of use a day means that the battery must be replaced more regularly.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Fully charge the battery at the end of the season before winter storage.

#### **Replacing the battery**

If the operating times for the robotic lawnmower are shorter than normal between charges, this indicates that the battery is getting old and eventually needs replacing. The battery is fine as long as the robotic lawnmower maintains a well-cut lawn.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

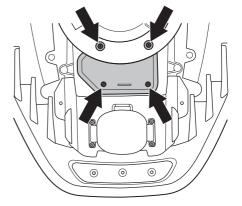
Always use original batteries. Compatibility with other batteries cannot be guaranteed.

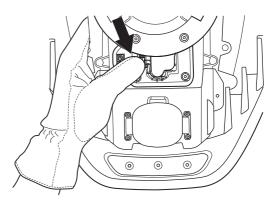
- 1. Set the main switch in position 0.
- 2. Lower the cutting height to its lowest position.
- 3. Turn the robotic lawnmower upside down. Place the robotic lawnmower on a soft and clean surface to avoid scratching the body and the display cover.
- 4. Clean around the battery cover.
- 5. Unscrew the four screws to the battery cover (Torx 20) and remove the battery cover.
- 6. Pull out the battery by pulling on the strap.
- 7. Fit a new original battery.

NOTE! Press on the contact strip to fit the battery in place and not on the battery pack itself.

- 8. Fit the battery cover. If the seal on the battery cover is visibly damaged, the entire battery cover must be replaced.
- 9. Screw in place the four screws for the battery cover (Torx 20).
- 10. Reset the cutting height to the required level.







# 9. Troubleshooting

In this chapter, a number of messages are listed which may be shown in the display if there is a malfunction. There is a proposal as to the cause and steps to take for each message.

This chapter also presents some symptoms that can guide you if the robotic lawnmower does not work as expected.

More suggestions for steps to take in the event of malfunction or symptoms can be found on www.gardena.com.

### 9.1 Messages

Below a number of messages are listed which may be shown in the display of the robotic lawnmower. Contact GARDENA Central Service if the same message appears often. See *Memo* on page 4.

Message	Cause	Action
Wheel motor blocked, left	Grass or other object has wrapped around the drive wheel.	Check the drive wheel and remove the grass or other object.
Wheel motor blocked, right	Grass or other object has wrapped around the drive wheel.	Check the drive wheel and remove the grass or other object.
Cutting system blocked	Grass or other object has wrapped around the blade disc.	Check the blade disc and remove the grass or other object.
	The blade disc lies in a pool of water.	Move the robotic lawnmower and if possible prevent the collection of water in the working area.
No loop signal	The transformer is not connected.	Check the wall socket connection and whether an earth-fault breaker has tripped. Check that the low voltage cable is connected to the charging station.
	The boundary wire is not connected to the charging station	Check that the boundary wire connector is fitted properly to the charging station. See 3.5 Connecting the boundary wire on page 27.
	Boundary wire broken.	Find out where the break is. Replace the damaged section of the loop with a new loop wire and splice using an original coupler. See <i>9.4 Finding</i> <i>breaks in the loop wire</i> on page 68.
	The boundary wire is laid in the wrong direction around an island.	Check that the boundary wire has been laid according to the instructions in chapter <i>3. Installation</i> .
	The connection between the robotic lawnmower and the charging station has been broken.	Place the robotic lawnmower in the charging station and generate a new loop signal via Security -> <i>New loop signal.</i>
	Disturbances from metal objects (fences, reinforcement steel) or buried cables close by.	Try moving the boundary wire.

Message	Cause	Action
Trapped	The robotic lawnmower has got caught in something.	Free the robotic lawnmower and rectify the reason for it becoming trapped.
	The robotic lawnmower is stuck behind a number of obstacles.	Check if there are any obstacles which make it hard for the robotic lawnmower to move on from this place.
Outside working area	The boundary wire connections to the charging station are crossed.	Check that the boundary wire is connected correctly.
	The boundary wire is too close to the edge of the working area.	Check that the boundary wire has been laid according to the instructions in chapter <i>3. Installation</i> .
	The working area slopes too much.	Check that the boundary wire has been laid according to the instructions in chapter <i>3. Installation</i> .
	The boundary wire is laid in the wrong direction around an island.	Check that the boundary wire has been laid according to the instructions in chapter 3. <i>Installation</i> .
	Disturbances from metal objects (fences, reinforcement steel) or buried cables close by.	Try moving the boundary wire.
	The robotic lawnmower finds it hard to distinguish the signal from another robotic lawnmower installation close by.	Place the robotic lawnmower in the charging station and generate a new loop signal via <i>Security</i> -> <i>New loop signal.</i>
Low battery	The robotic lawnmower cannot find the charging station.	Check that the charging station and the guide wire are installed in accordance with the instructions in Chapter <i>3. Installation</i> on page 15.
	The guide wire is broken or not connected.	Check that the indicator lamp in the charging station flashes yellow. See the solution in <i>9.2 Indicator lamp in the charging station</i> on page 65.
	The battery is spent.	Replace the battery. See 8.7 Replacing the battery on page 61.
	The charging station's antenna is defective.	Check if the indicator lamp in the charging station flashes red. See the solution in <i>9.2 Indicator lamp in the charging station</i> on page 65.
Wrong PIN	Wrong PIN code has been entered. Five attempts are permitted, and the keypad is then blocked for five minutes.	Enter the correct PIN code. Contact GARDENA Central Service if you forget the PIN code. See <i>Memo</i> on page 4.

Message	Cause	Action
No drive	The robotic lawnmower has got caught in something.	Free the robotic lawnmower and rectify the reason for the lack of drive. If it is due to wet grass, wait until the lawn has dried before using the robotic lawnmower.
	The working area includes a steep slope.	Maximum guaranteed slope is 25%. Steeper slopes should be isolated. See 3.4 Installation of the boundary wire on page 21.
	The guide wire is not laid at an angle on a slope.	If the guide wire is laid on a slope, it must be laid at an angle across the slope. See <i>3.6 Installation of the</i> <i>guide wire</i> on page 28.
Charging station blocked	The contact between the charging strips and contact strips may be poor and the robotic lawnmower has made a number of attempts to charge.	Put the robotic lawnmower in the charging station and check that the charging strips and contact strips make good contact.
	An object is obstructing the robotic lawnmower.	Remove the object.
Stuck in charging station	There is an object in the way of the robotic lawnmower preventing it from leaving the charging station.	Remove the object.
Upside down	The robotic lawnmower is leaning too much or has turned over.	Turn the robotic lawnmower the right way up.
Needs manual charging	The robotic lawnmower is set in the <i>MAN</i> operating mode.	Place the robotic lawnmower in the charging station. This behaviour is normal and no action is required.
Next start hh:mm	The timer setting prevents the robotic lawnmower from operating.	Change the timer settings. See 6.3 Timer on page 44.
	The rest period is in progress. The robotic lawnmower must dock in the charging station for at least 8 hours a day (11 hours for the GARDENA R40Li).	This behaviour is normal and no action is required. See <i>4.2 Using the timer</i> on page 35.
The day's mowing is complete	The rest period is in progress. The robotic lawnmower must dock in the charging station for at least 8 hours a day (11 hours for the GARDENA R40Li).	This behaviour is normal and no action is required. See <i>4.2 Using the timer</i> on page 35.

### 9.2 Indicator lamp in the charging station

For a fully functional installation, the indicator lamp in the charging station must emit a solid green light. If something else appears, follow the troubleshooting guide below.

There is more troubleshooting help on www.gardena.com. If you still need help with troubleshooting, please contact GARDENA Central Service. See *Memo* on page 4.

Light	Cause	Action
Solid green light	Everything in order	No action required
Blue flashing light	The boundary loop is not connected to the charging station	Check that the boundary wire connector is fitted properly to the charging station. See <i>3.5 Connecting</i> <i>the boundary wire</i> on page 27.
	Break in the boundary loop	Find out where the break is. Replace the damaged section of the boundary wire with a new loop wire and splice using an original coupler. See 9.4 Finding breaks in the loop wire on page 68.
Yellow flashing light	The guide wire is not connected to the charging station	Check that the guide wire connector is properly connected to the charging station. See <i>9.4 Finding breaks in the</i> <i>loop wire</i> on page 68.
	Break in the guide wire	Find out where the break is. Replace the damaged section of the guide wire with a new loop wire and splice using an original coupler.
Red flashing light	Interruption in the charging station's antenna	Contact GARDENA Central Service. See <i>Memo</i> on page 4.
Solid blue light	Weak signal as the boundary wire is too long. Max length is 250 metres.	No steps have to be taken if the robotic lawnmower operates as expected.
		Shorten the boundary wire by reducing the working area or replacing islands with barriers the robotic lawnmower can collide with.
	Weak signal due to damaged boundary wire	Since it is difficult to locate where the wire is damaged it is recommended to lay a new boundary wire for the entire working area.
Solid red light	Defective circuit board in the charging station	Contact GARDENA Central Service. See <i>Memo</i> on page 4.

### 9.3 Symptoms

If your robotic lawnmower does not work as expected, follow the troubleshooting guide below.

There is a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) on www.gardena.com which provides more detailed answers to a number of standard questions. Contact GARDENA Central Service if you still cannot find the reason for the fault. See *Memo* on page 4.

Symptom	Cause	Action
The robotic lawnmower has difficulty docking	The boundary wire is not laid in a long straight line that is far enough out from the charging station.	Check that the charging station has been installed according to the instructions in <i>9.4 Finding breaks in</i> <i>the loop wire</i> on page 68.
	The guide wire is not inserted in the slot at the bottom of the charging station.	It is absolutely critical for operation that the guide wire is perfectly straight and is in the correct position under the charging station. Therefore make sure that the guide wire is always in its slot in the charging station. See 3.6 Installation of the guide wire.
	The charging station is on a slope	Place the charging station on a surface that is entirely level. See <i>3.2 Installation of the charging station</i> on page 16.
Uneven mowing results	The robotic lawnmower works too few hours per day.	Increase the mowing time. See 6.3 Timer on page 44.
	The proportion setting is incorrect in relation to the layout of the working area	Check that the correct <i>Proportion</i> value is selected.
	The shape of the working area requires the use of both <i>Remote start</i> 1 and <i>Remote start</i> 2 for the robotic lawnmower to find its way to all remote areas.	Also use <i>Remote start 2</i> to steer the robotic lawnmower to a remote area. See <i>6.4 Installation,</i> <i>R70Li</i> on page 45. Applies to the GARDENA R70Li only.
	Working area too large.	Try limiting the working area or extending the working time. See 6.3 <i>Timer</i> on page 44.
	Dull blades.	Replace all the blades and screws so that the rotating parts are balanced. See 8.6 Replacing the blades on page 60.
	Long grass in relation to the set cutting height.	Increase the cutting height and then successively lower.
	Accumulation of grass by the blade disc or around the motor shaft.	Check that the blade disc rotates freely and easily. If not, screw off the blade disc and remove grass and foreign objects. See <i>8.3 Cleaning</i> on page 59.

Symptom	Cause	Action
The robotic lawnmower runs at the wrong time	The robotic lawnmower clock needs to be set.	Set the clock. See <i>6.6 Settings</i> on page 51.
	The start and stop times for mowing are incorrect.	Reset the start time and stop time settings for mowing. See 6.3 Timer on page 44.
The robotic lawnmower vibrates	Damaged blades lead to imbalance in the cutting system.	Inspect the blades and screws and replace them if necessary. See 8.6 Replacing the blades on page 60.
	Many blades in the same position lead to imbalance in the cutting system.	Check that only one blade is fitted at each screw.
The robotic lawnmower runs, but the blade disc does not rotate	The robotic lawnmower searches for the charging station.	No action The blade disc does not rotate when the robotic lawnmower is searching for the charging station.
The robotic lawnmower mows for shorter periods than usual between charges	Grass or other foreign object blocks the blade disc.	Remove and clean the blade disc. See 8.3 Cleaning on page 59.
Both the mowing and charging times are shorter than usual	The battery is spent.	Replace the battery. See 8.7 <i>Replacing the battery</i> on page 61.
	This behaviour is normal at low temperatures (gradual increase below 15 °C).	No action
The robotic lawnmower is parked for hours in the charging station.	The robotic lawnmower must stand for at least 11 hours a day in the charging station so that the battery can rest See <i>4.2 Using the timer</i> on page 35. Applies to the GARDENA R40Li only.	No action
	The cover has been closed without the <b>START</b> button first being pressed.	Open the cover, press the <b>START</b> button and then close the cover.

### 9.4 Finding breaks in the loop wire

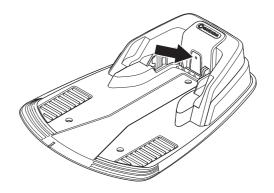
Breaks in the loop wire are usually the result of unconscious physical damage to the wire such as when gardening with a shovel. In countries with ground frost, even sharp stones that move in the ground can damage the wire. Breaks can also be due to the high tension in the wire during installation.

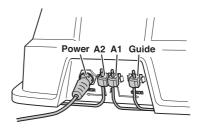
Mowing the grass too low right after the installation can damage wire insulation. Certain damage to the insulation may not cause disruptions until several weeks or months later. To avoid this, always select the maximum cutting height the first weeks after installation and then lower the height one step at a time every second week until the desired cutting height has been reached.

A defective splicing of the loop wire can also lead to disruptions first several weeks after the splice was done. A faulty splice can, for example, be the result of the original coupler not being pressed together hard enough with a pair of pliers, or a coupler of lower quality than original coupler has been used. Please first check all known splices before further troubleshooting is done.

A break can be located by gradually halving the distance of the loop wire where the break may have occurred until there is only a very short section of the wire left.

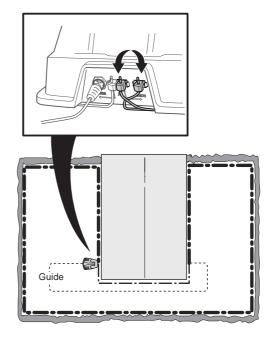
- 1. Make sure the indicator lamp in the charging station flashes blue, which indicates a break in the boundary loop. See *9.2 Indicator lamp in the charging station* on page 65.
- 2. Check that the boundary wire connections to the charging station are properly connected and not damaged. Check that the indicator lamp in the charging station is still flashing blue.



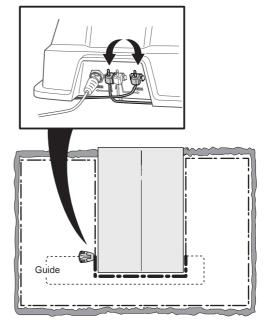


3. Connect the charging station to the power supply. Switch the connections between the guide wire and the boundary wire in the charging station.

a) Switch connection A1 and Guide. If the indicator lamp flashes yellow, then the break is somewhere on the boundary wire between A1 and the point where the guide wire is connected to the boundary wire (thick black line in the illustration).

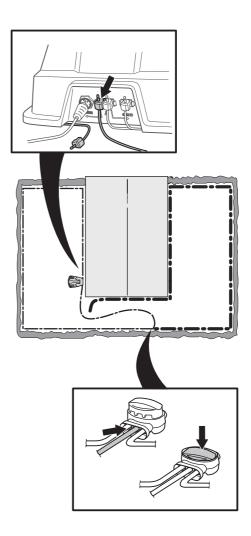


b) Put A1 and Guide back in their original positions. Then switch A2 and Guide. If the indicator lamp flashes yellow, then the break is somewhere on the boundary wire between A2 and the point where the guide wire is connected to the boundary wire (thick black line in the illustration).

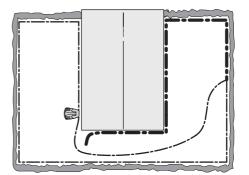


4. a) Assume that the indicator lamp flashed yellow in test a) above. Reset all connections to their original positions. Then disconnect A2. Connect a new loop wire to A2. Connect the other end of this new loop wire somewhere at the centre of the installation.

If the indicator lamp is green or flashing yellow, then the break is somewhere in the wire between the disconnected end to the point where the new wire is connected (thick black line in the illustration below).



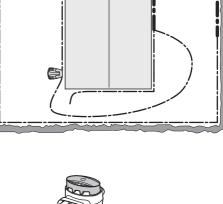
In that case, move the connection for the new wire closer to the disconnected end (roughly at the middle of the suspected wire section) and check again if the indicator lamp is green or flashes yellow.

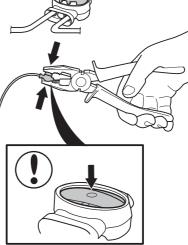


Continue until only a very short section of the wire remains which is the difference between a flashing blue light and a solid green light.

b) If the indicator lamp flashed yellow in test 3b) above, a similar test is carried out but with the new loop wire connected to A1 instead.

5. When the break is found, the damaged section must be replaced with a new wire. The damaged section can be cut out if it is possible to shorten the boundary wire. Always use original couplers.





# **10. TECHNICAL DATA**

# **10. Technical Data**

Data	R40Li	R70Li
Dimensions		
Length	58 cm	58 cm
Width	46 cm	46 cm
Height	26 cm	26 cm
Weight	8 kg	8 kg
Electrical system		
Battery	Specialised Lithium-Ion battery, 18 V/1.6 Ah	Specialised Lithium-Ion battery, 18 V/1.6 Ah
Transformer	230 VAC/21.6 VDC	230 VAC/21.6 VDC
Mean energy consumption at maximum use	7 kWh/month in a 400 m <sup>2</sup> working area	12 kWh/month in a 700 m <sup>2</sup> working area
Noise emissions		
Measured Noise Level	56 dB (A)	58 dB (A)
Guaranteed noise level	58 dB (A)	60 dB (A)
Mowing		
Cutting system	Three pivoted cutting blades	Three pivoted cutting blades
Blade motor speed	2,900 rpm	2,900 rpm
Power consumption during cutting	20 W +/- 20%	20 W +/- 20%
Cutting height	2-5 cm	2-5 cm
Cutting width	17 cm	17 cm
Working capacity	400 m <sup>2</sup> +/- 20%	700 m <sup>2</sup> +/- 20%

Full compatibility cannot be guaranteed between the robotic lawnmower and other types of wireless systems such as remote controls, radio transmitters, hearing loops, buried electric animal fencing or similar.

# **11. GUARANTEE TERMS**

# 11. Guarantee terms

GARDENA guarantees this product's functionality for a period of two years (from date of purchase). The guarantee covers serious faults relating to materials or manufacturing faults. Within the guarantee period, we will replace the product or repair it at no charge if the following terms are met:

- The robotic lawnmower and the charging station may only be used in compliance with the instructions in this Operator's Manual.
- Users or non-authorized third parties are not permitted to attempt to repair the product.

Examples of faults which are not included in the guarantee:

- Damage caused by water seepage from underneath the robotic lawnmower (e.g. from washing or irrigation systems).
- Damage caused by shortened low-voltage cable.
- Damage caused by lightning.
- Damage caused by using a battery that is not an original battery.
- Damage to the loop wire.

The blades and wheels are seen as disposable and are not covered by the guarantee.

If an error occurs with your GARDENA robotic lawnmower, please contact GARDENA Central Services (see *Memo* on page 4) for further instructions. Please have the receipt and the robotic lawnmower's serial number at hand when contacting GARDENA Central Service.

# 12. Environmental information

Symbols on the GARDENA robotic lawnmower or its packaging indicate that this product cannot be handled as domestic waste. It should instead be left at a suitable recycling centre to recycle its electronic components and batteries.

By ensuring that this product is taken care of correctly, you can help to counteract the potential negative impact on the environment and people that can otherwise result through the incorrect waste management of this product.

For more detailed information about recycling this product, contact your municipality, your domestic waste service or the shop from where you purchased the product.



### **13. EU DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY**

# **13. EU Declaration of Conformity**

EU Declaration of conformity (Only applies to Europe)

**Husqvarna AB**, SE-561 82 Huskvarna, Sweden, declares under sole responsibility that the robotic lawnmowers **GARDENA R40Li** and **GARDENA R70Li** with serial numbers dating 2013 and onwards (the year is clearly stated on the rating plate, followed by the serial number), comply with the requirements of the COUNCIL'S DIRECTIVE:

- Directive "relating to machinery" 2006/42/EC.
- Directive on "restriction of use of certain hazardous substances" 2011/65/EU
- Directive "relating to noise emissions from outdoor equipment" 2000/14/EC. See also the Technical Data chapter for information regarding noise emissions and the cutting width. The notified body 0404, SMP Svensk Maskinprovning AB, Fyrisborgsgatan 3, SE-754 50 Uppsala, Sweden, has issued the report regarding the assessment of conformity according to annex VI to the COUNCIL'S DIRECTIVE of May 8, 2000 "relating to noise emissions in the environment" 2000/14/EC.

The certificate has the number: 01/901/163.

- Directive "relating to electromagnetic compatibility" **2004/108/EC** and applicable supplements. The following standards have been applied:
  - EN 61000-6-3 (emission)
  - EN 61000-6-2 and EN 61000-6-1 (immunity)

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